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Video: Guns, Germs, and Steel

1. Why isn't hunting a reliable source of food?
2. How long ago did the first villages arise in Mesopotamia?
3. How did these early villagers survive even during seasons when crops didn't grow well?
4. What are the main crops that were raised by Mesopotamians?
5. What is the "radical shift in human behavior" that the video describes?
6. In what different ways did animals help early people survive?
7. What are the four major animals that were domesticated in Mesopotamia?
8. How many animals have ever been domesticated?
9. What characteristics must an animal have to be domesticated?

Big Ideas

Why Mesopotamia? Why did human civilization first take place here?

What are the characteristics of civilization? What features do all human civilizations have?

The actual video series *Guns, Germs, and Steel* explores the root causes of European domination of world over the past 500 years. What reasons does the video suggest for this domination?