

Readings: Day 2 = chap 1 p.13-16; Additional reading = chap 3 p.45-64

Cultural Evolution

- 1st stage = Paleolithic (re: Stone) Age
 - Not chronological term
 - Reflects pre-civilization
 - Paleolithic cultures = hunter-gatherers
 - Developed specialized tools
 - Expressed themselves aesthetically (re: cave art)
- ~10,000 yrs ago = Global Warming!!!!!!!!!!
- Mesolithic (Transitional) Age
 - Humans adapted to global warming w/ new cultures
 - Groups became semi-sedentary (re: stopped migrating)
 - New tools

- Augmented food resources w/ grasses

- Made semi-permanent homes

- Neolithic (New Stone) Age
 - Final Adaptation

 - FROM: hunting & gathering TO: food production

 - Also cultural stage not chronological period
 - Neolithic cultures have 4 cultural traits

 - Required permanent settlement

 - Created additional sources of food

 - Resulted in surplus food

 - Self-supporting villages emerged

Civilization

- Defined = culture that attained degree of complexity characterized by urban life

- Civ can sustain specialists

- Civs have some/all of 7 traits
- Not all civs have all traits

- Most civs gradually develop all along similar lines

- 1st civ emerged in Tigris-Euphrates river valleys about 3500 BC
 - Domestication of plants & animals on large scale

 - Result = higher food supply = higher population = more fields = more food

 - Villages became major urban centers

 - Shift from Neolithic villages occurred elsewhere along similar lines later in time