

Aim: What was life like during the Neolithic Era?

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What was life like during the Neolithic Era?

Objective:

- Describe what life was like during the Neolithic Era.

Introduction

→ Directions: Examine the two images below and answer the question that follows.

Artist's Recreation of a Paleolithic Dwelling (place where someone lives)



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Artist's Recreation of a Neolithic Dwelling



AMK - Linearbandkeramik Modell Hienheim 2.jpg by Wolfgang Sauber is published under the [CC BY-SA 4.0](#) license

If you were to leave a community that lived a Paleolithic lifestyle to join a Neolithic one, what do you think would be the hardest thing to get used to?

What was the Neolithic Era? When was it?

→ Directions: Examine the timeline and read the passage below, then answer the questions in the right hand column.

The **Neolithic Era**, or New Stone Age, was the time period from about 9,000 B.C.E. to about 3,000 B.C.E.

Timeline of Prehistory

Paleolithic Era	Neolithic Era	Bronze Age
2,000,000 BCE- 9,000 BCE	9,000 - 3,000 BCE	3,000- 1,000 BCE

The **Neolithic** (or "New" Stone Age) was a period in human history that came after the start of agriculture and before the development of the first civilizations during which people started creating and using metal tools, called the "Bronze Age." The inhabitants of a Neolithic village would have farmed using tools made of wood, stone, or bone. The Neolithic Revolution took place at different times in different regions, so the start of the Neolithic Era varies. The development and use of metal tools occurred at different times in different regions, so the start of the Bronze Age also varies.

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1. When was the Neolithic Era?

After the development of agriculture and before Bronze Age. 9,000 BCE - 3,000 BCE

2. If archaeologists uncover an ancient town in a dig, how can they tell if it was "Paleolithic," "Neolithic," or "Bronze Age?"

Neolithic Era = tools of wood, stone + bone
Bronze Age = tools of metal

Document Investigation



Close Read



Annotate

Directions:

- Annotate the documents below using the key provided.
- Respond to the prompts that follow each document.
- Fill out the [graphic organizer entitled "Paleolithic vs. Neolithic Life,"](#) with information that will help you answer the question: *What was life like during the Neolithic Era?*

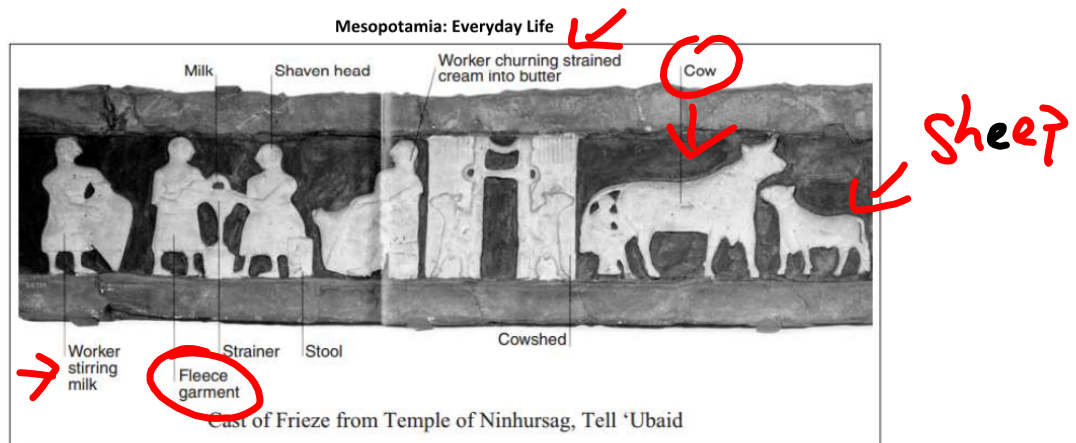
Annotation Key

gold and silver in is treasury.
 where a gov't keeps its
 money

Circle words that are unclear and identify possible meanings.

why did peter the great want to
 westernize his country?
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Write questions in the margins to clarify misunderstandings.

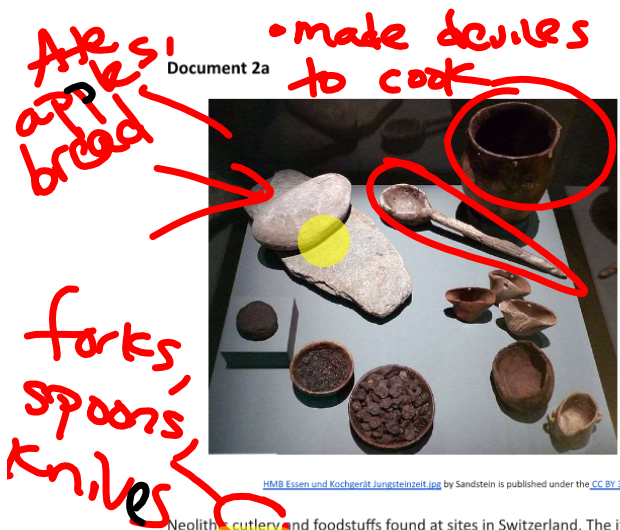


A frieze is a horizontal decoration placed on a wall, usually near the ceiling. The frieze above came from Mesopotamia, a region in the Middle East, from around 2500 BCE. It depicts a scene common to Neolithic life.

Source (Image): The Visual Dictionary of Ancient Civilizations, Dorling Kindersley (adapted) from the NYS Global History and Geography Regents Exam, January 2010.

1 Based on this frieze, identify one characteristic of Neolithic life. [1]

People in Mesopotamia used cows for milk and butter. They domesticated animals.



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 Neolithic cutlery and foodstuffs found at sites in Switzerland. The items include: millstones, charred bread, grains and small apples, a clay cooking pot, and containers made of antlers and wood.



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 These tools were used by Neolithic farmers to plough fields, plant crops, and harvest the plants. The tools are made out of deer antler.

2a Based on the images and description above, describe the technology used during the Neolithic Era. [1]

The technology was made from deer antlers and use for cooking.

2b. Based on the images and description above, what were the tools pictured used for? [1]

The tools made of deer antler were used to plough fields, to plant, and to harvest.

Document 3



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Catal Huyuk, in modern Turkey, was one of the first places in the world where humans lived in dense settlements. From about 7500 to 5700 BCE, an estimated average of between 5,000 and 8,000 people lived in mud-brick houses with rooftops serving as streets. The first image is a photograph of the excavation site of Catal Huyuk. The second image is a photograph of a recreation of a room from Catal Huyuk.

3 Based on the images and description above, describe a Neolithic village. [1]

Dense settlements. Between 5,000 & 8,000 people lived there. The houses were made of mud bricks. The streets were rooftops.

Document 4

Specialization of Labor

Within the villages, towns and cities, it was possible for people to specialize in the sort of work they could do best. Many stopped producing food at all, making instead tools and other goods that farmers needed, and for which they gave them food in exchange. This process of exchange led to trade and traders, and the growth of trade made it possible for people to specialize even more...

Source: D.M. Knox, *The Neolithic Revolution*, Greenhaven Press, adapted from the January 2004, NYS Regents Exam.

4 According to D.M. Knox, what is one way the development of agriculture affected life in the Neolithic Era? [1]



SQ 12: What was life like during the Neolithic Era?

→ **Directions:** Based on what you have learned, complete the task below.



Part I
Describe what life was like during the Neolithic Era.

Construct Arguments



Contextualize



Corroborate