

## 20011/2012 AP WORLD HISTORY

PERIOD I Technological and Environmental Transformations		
HISTORICAL PERIOD	CONTENT	OBJECTIVES
To 600BCE Spreading Out and Settling Down  Key Concepts:  1.1 Big Geography and the Peopling of the Earth 1.2 Neolithic Revolution and Early Agricultural Societies 1.3 Development and Interactions of Early Agricultural, Pastoral, and Urban Societies  Topics for Overview include:  Prehistoric Societies From Hunting and Gathering to Agricultural and Pastoral Societies  Early Civilizations: Middle East, South Asia, East Asia, the Americas, Africa, and Oceania  Special Focus: Issues regarding the use of the concept of "civilization"  READINGS  Stearns: The Global Experience,Chapter 1	I. Big Geography A. 5 Themes of Geography B. 11 Regions C. 4 Oceans II. Prehistoric Cultures A. Hunters and Gatherers B. Neolithic Revolutions 1. Domestication: Farmers and Pastoralists 2. Technology: Invention and Adaptation 3. Villages led to Surpluses (Catal Huyuk, Jericho) III. Beginnings of Civilization A. Society and Civilization B. River Valley Civilizations 1. Fertile Crescent: Cuneiform cultures 2. The Nile: Egypt and Nubia 3. Indus Valley: Dravidians and Aryans 4. Chinese Rivers: From Shang to Zhou 5. MesoAmerica: Olmecs and Chimu 6. Middle East: Israel IV. Nomads and the Cycle of Civilization A. The Cycle of Civilization 1. New civilization arises and strengthens 2. Civilization grows old; decay internally 3. Nomads destroy old civilization 4. Nomads settle down; adopt old culture B. Nomadic Challenges, Sedentary Responses 4. Pastoral Nomadism 5. Nomads and Civilizations	Essential Questions:  1. What are the changes and continuities from 8000 BCE to 600 CE?  2. How does a civilization assert and legitimize its authority?  3. How were gender roles changed by the Neolithic Revolution?  4. How does the spread of religion impact societies?  5. What was the impact of trade on the Neolithic period?  6. Was village life better than pastoralism?  VOCABULARY  Civilization Climate Cultural Diffusion Animism Independent Invention Artifact Agricultural Revolution Foraging Neolithic Age Pastoralism Paleolithic Age Covenant Slash-and-Burn Cuneiform Specialization Diaspora Hieroglyphics Mandate of Heaven Matrilineal Ten Commandments Monotheism Polytheism Patriarchal Pharaoh Questzalcoatl Theocracy Torah Untouchables Vedas Ziggurat
World History in Documents		