

Second Thoughts

As you read chapter 2 answer the following on a *separate sheet of paper* and in a *complete sentence*:

What is the significance of the events/terms/places?

- End of the last Ice Age
- “broad spectrum diet”
- Fertile Crescent
- teosinte
- diffusion
- Bantu migration
- Peoples of Australia
- Banpo
- “secondary products revolution”
- pastoral societies
- Catalhuyak
- “stateless Societies”
- Chiefdoms

- 1) The Agricultural Revolution marked a decisive turning point in human history.
 - What evidence might you offer to support this claim?
 - How might you argue against it?
- 2) How did early agricultural societies differ from those of the Paleolithic era?
 - How does the example of settled gathering and hunting peoples such as the Chumash complicate this comparison?
- 3) Was the Agricultural Revolution inevitable?
 - Why did it occur so late in the story of humankind?
- 4) “The Agricultural Revolution provides evidence for ‘progress’ in human affairs.”
 - How would you evaluate this statement?