

Hist380 Notes Class 2

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- Earth 4.5 billion yrs old
- Us = Homo sapiens 120,000 BCE
- Dominant by 40,000 BCE... “outcompeted homo sapiens neanderthalensis
- Hunter Gatherer society until c10-8000 BCE
 - Tribal
 - communal ethos
- Animistic worldview
 - Mono or Polytheistic
 - Shaman
 - * 3 worlds: upper world, middle world, under world
- Agricultural Revolution, 10-8000 BCE
 - wheat, barley, oats, peas and lentils
 - domestication of animals by 7000 BCE
 - sedentary
 - villages of several hundred
 - * population growth
 - * trade
 - * expansion
- Urban Rev c4500 BCE
 - mesopotamia and fertile crescent first, then...
 - Egypt
 - walls for protection
 - canals for irrigation
 - social hierarchy
 - * Kings
 - * High Priest(augurs,diviners)
 - * Priests
 - * Warriors
 - * Working Classes/Craftspeople
 - * Slaves

- scribes
- Minoan Civilization
 - Crete
 - * occupied since 7000 BCE
 - * agriculture economy by 6000s BCE
 - * towns → cities - c.2600 BCE
 - rule aegean sea for 1000 years
 - 1700 BCE Anatolian invasion
- Sir Arthur Evans (1851-1941)
 - names the civ Minoan after Legend of King Minos
 - Queen Pasiphae
 - Minotaur
 - Knossos
 - * 22 acres, palace is 5 acres
 - * fantastic almost modern art
 - A monarchy (priest-kings)
 - Peaceful, trading civ
 - * Linear A+B
 - Religion
 - * No temples
 - * Mother Goddess
 - * Mistress of Animals (Snake Goddess)
 - * Poseidon
 - * Zues