

Chapter 6: Settlement of the Americas and the Pacific Islands: 6-6c For Further Reflection

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## Chapter Review

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1. Agrarian civilizations share general religious and social traits, which were noted in [Chapter 1](#). Describe how the Olmec and Chavín cultures expressed these traits.
2. Explain why the North American Native Americans generally seem to have preferred the hunter-gatherer way of life, whereas Mesoamericans and South Americans became settled farmers at a much earlier time. Was this always true?
3. Can a case be made that the Woodland civilizations independently invented agriculture? What facts support it? What facts oppose it?
4. What difficulties during their development did early Native American societies share with Early African peoples? What significant differences were there?
5. In what ways did Native American civilizations make more progress in their development than Africans? In what ways were some African civilizations more advanced?
6. Name and describe the various scientific disciplines that are involved in uncovering the origins of the Polynesians. One theory, since disproven, was that the ancestors of the Polynesians sailed west from South America, populating the Pacific islands from west to east. What might be some objections to this theory?

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