

Chapter 1: The Earliest Human Societies: 1-6c For Further Reflection  
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## Chapter Review

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1. What is natural selection? How does it explain how species such as *Homo* undergo change over long periods of time?
2. The text claims that the human tree resembles a bush more than a tree. What does that mean? What does it say about the various hominids that paleoanthropologists have discovered from the human past?
3. How do you think changes in the earth's climate might have played a part in human evolution? What strategies and “cultural” adaptations did hominids (and humans) make to cope with changes in their natural environments?
4. Were farming and breeding livestock easier ways of life than hunting and gathering? What factors would have led humans to give up nomadic hunting and gathering to grow or breed their food? Explain.
5. Can you think of more benefits brought by the Neolithic Revolution? On the other hand, what changes might the food-producing revolution have brought that were injurious to people and the lives they led?

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