

ARCHAEOLOGY 214

The Human Story II **The Near East in the New Stone Age** **or Neolithic Period**

Final Examination

Date: 30 June 1998

Time: TWO hours

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Identifications

40%

Time: 40 minutes

Four artifacts, two buildings and four activities are presented to you on the attached collage. Together they illustrate main aspects of the environment, occupations and preoccupations of Stone Age and traditional food producing societies

Briefly identify these one by one and in the order indicated:

1. What does the illustration represent?
2. To which part of the world does it belong?
3. What period is it?
4. What are its main features?

II

Essay question

60%

Time: 80 minutes

Tell the story of the "New Stone Age" when humans in the Fertile Crescent began to build more permanent settlements, collect and process some different plants and, eventually, produced food. With it they also gradually changed their attitude towards plants, animals and their environment.

Trace the gradual evolution of a new life style, economy and patterns of thought of neolithic societies.

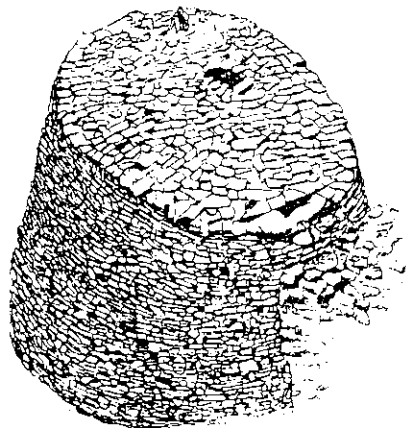
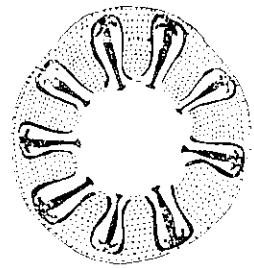
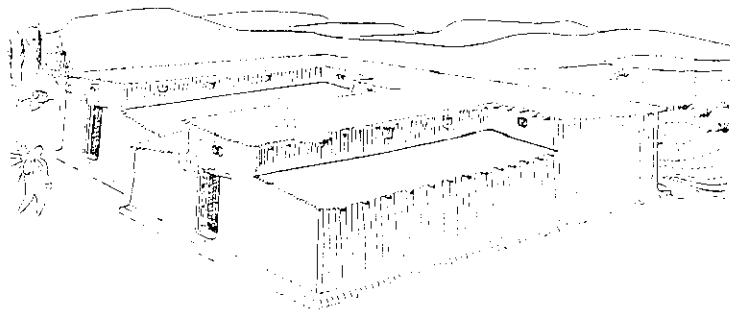
What, in your opinion, were the most irreversible changes?

Your evidence ought to include material from

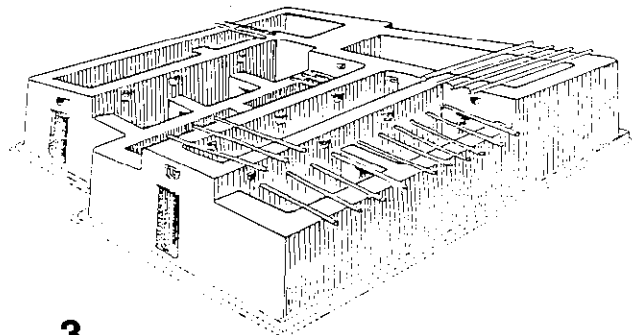
- the palaeoenvironment (plants and animals)
- habitation and other human-made sites in the landscape
- equipment, tools and ornaments or human technology
- burial customs
- ethnographic information from living food producing societies
- art and customs as symbols of thought and action



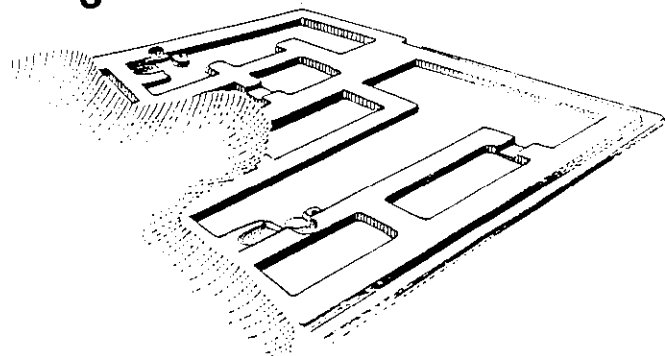
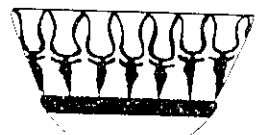
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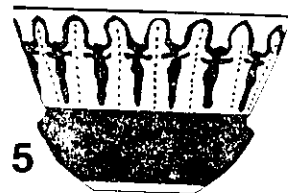
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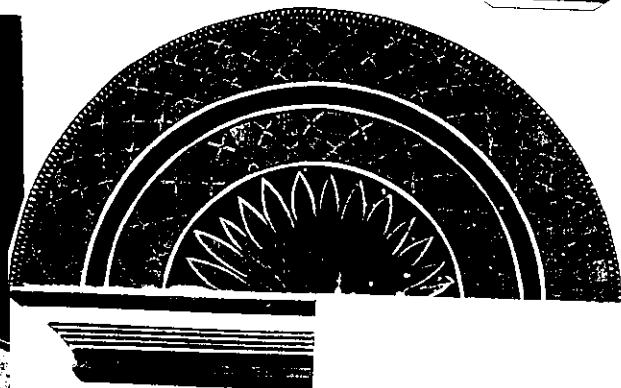
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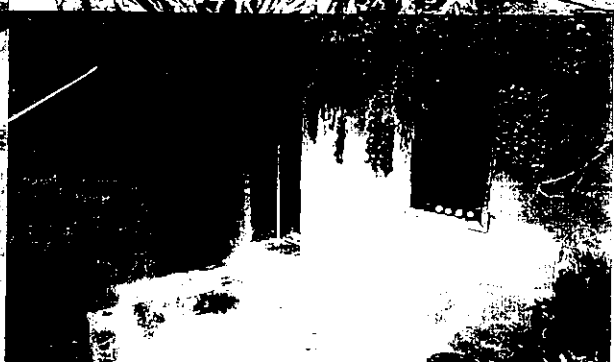
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