

## AP World History Essential Questions

Chapter 1: From Human Prehistory to the Early Civilizations: Responses should be in complete sentences and include as much detail as possible. The more detailed/complete the answer the better the grade will be

1. How did the development of speech alter early human communities?
2. How did the Neolithic revolution transform the material life and social organization of human communities?
3. Why did many peoples initially resist adopting settled agriculture?
4. What was the significance of the development of metalworking?
5. What characteristics do most nomadic societies share?
6. What were the most significant human achievements before the rise of agriculture?
7. What were the patterns of early human migration?
8. What are the main differences between an agricultural and a hunting and gathering economy?
9. How did agriculture encourage technological change?

### Essential Questions Rubric

These questions are designed to help students gain comprehension while reading the chapter. Answers should be handwritten and put in their own words (not plagiarized - points will be deducted for answers that have been copied from other students/sources)

How to determine grade /20 points

18+ (A): Exceptional answers; have multiple examples/terms to support answer. Make connections from examples/terms to how it answers the question.

16/17 (B): Above average answers; have some specific terms, but lack connection.

14/15 (C): Average answer; vague, lacking connections and no specific terms/example

12/13 (D): Answers below average; Incomplete or Wrong. They are extremely vague and barely address the question.