

Discussion - September 7

Agriculture - Diamond

- he explains what kind of impact it had
- cultures developed agriculture separately.
- farmers have more of a "power structure":
 - ability to feed armies, dependence on others
- Polynesia - how is this an example of a hierarchy?
 - they had a larger land mass, but as an island (New Zealand) it was separate from other cultures

Diamond + Strayer

Both

- diffusion + colonization of cultures + plants
- Diamond - how it could have happened, Strayer - how it did happen.
- Strayer was more negative about agriculture (deforestation + erosion) Diamond was more positive.

Diamond -

- why did agriculture start where it did?
 - most fertile land.
 - warmer climates
- Storage for food
 - learn how to store
 - need to stay in one place
 - some have more than others
 - disputes over who gets what in food.
 - chief has more power to distribute food in times of famine
 - new gender roles.
 - division of jobs.

3 Cs - Comparison, Change, Connection

- find easier ways to do things than before
- new societies make contact with each other
- some places had an easier time than others with the agricultural change