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Readings

Guns, Germs, Steel -

Diamond's primary Argument

D farmers won over hunter/gatherer societies

Polygenetic Experiment

- different peoples survived different ways
- can it be called an experiment?
- not actually intentional
- different variables

Mari vs Mariori

- same time split
- one went agriculture way
- other stayed hunter/gatherer way
- Diamond uses it as smaller story to reflect off of the whole world
- using an argumentative style
- see big picture by using smaller example

Diamond vs Strayer

- Agreed on Agricultural revolution (split of H/G + Ag. societies)
- Dates?
- varies

Ok to call it agricultural Revolution?

- Yes

Diamond's map p 99

Why did they originate in these places?

- plants/animals already present to allow proper growth
- colder climate vs warmer climate
- rivers

Stored food surplus

- learn how to store food
- inequality

Consequences

- other people not working on agriculture were able to do other things like establish political societies / other useful things to increase the population and establish societal unity

Mori + Maori

- Maori were able to increase population + conquer the peace of Mori

Change: population increase w/ Ag. societies

Compare: Hunter-Gatherers - pop. less dense, not able to focus on anything but food gathering
Ag: denser pop. trained for other crafts

Creation Stories

What historical value is there in a creation story such as this?