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- features/circumstances of first complex societies

- river/coast

- Norte Chico/Olmec (exceptions)

- irrigation (reason)

Why is pop density so dense?

- sedentary lifestyle needs defenses

- walls, etc.

- stealing people to work for you?

Why a king/central govt?

- need order

- too many people not to

- Andes Valley?

- maybe stateless

Why no cities elsewhere (Britain, S. Africa)?

- Britain isolated

- didn't need cities

- S. Africa's year-round warm

- no need to stockpile food

Are the 6 spots just good idea makers?

- Environment's a big role

- can't treat part as "robots"

Why not the Amazon?

- would've taken a lot of work

What is "geographical determinism"?

- Geography is everything!

- world history dictated by it

- problems

- don't always obey geography

- people might just be smarter in some region

- Is Diamond a g.d.?

- leans toward it @ times

- No war in Europe, yet Europe emerged later
- trying to avoid racism
- Problem w/ G.D. + Diamond
- justifying takeover of other races
- Manifest Destiny

### Primary Sources

- What does "Gilgamesh" tell us?
- lots of gods (polytheistic)
- had time to write this down
- What relationships

- Man/Dicty
- some good, some bad
- What's a good friendship?
- Adventure
- Comradery
- valued communication?

### General mood of "Gilgamesh"?

- happy
- Enjoy life, go w/ flow
- moral of story
- Sidur's monologue
- insight into view of life + death

### Citizen Kane?

- dedicated his life to ~~politics~~ politics before realizing he wasn't happy
- not happy movie, but moral is to enjoy life

### Underlying values

- friendship
- "little things"

### What are they concerned about in telling this?

- Death
- inevitability of it

- How's this different?
  - others mourn death
  - Hebrews
    - funeral for living, not dead
- Sumerian afterlife suits
  - he, enjoys life
- Barmaid's advice
  - she's a woman
    - equal to men
  - positive view of woman
- Code of Hammurabi
  - River/Punishment
  - Order/Crime?
  - Pre-emptive strikes
    - benefits good
    - punishments bad
  - Crime first
    - no code w/o crime first
    - Law responds to crime
    - start of city, problems arise
      - lots of people in small space = rising tensions

#### Codification of laws?

- taken from previous tradition
- formalized + written down
- oral tradition started these laws
- started on case-by-case basis
- his Q: Why do agr societies develop social inequality?
  - are we naturally greedy?
  - Efficient?
    - do upper class take it all efficient?
    - Need to keep upper class alive to rule
  - Exploitation of lower

would anyone exploit power?

- There are good rulers

- goes both ways