

Notes 9-21-10 Dugans Section

- Diamond

- What ~~was~~ ~~is~~ was the main contributing factor to the spread of agriculture? A: Latitude
 - Worked the best in Eurasia with a long horizontal continental axis.
 - Why didn't agriculture spread to ~~the~~ American areas with similar mediterranean climate?
 - Landforms in the way (Rocky Mtns etc.)

- Germs portion

- ~~Some~~ ~~groups~~ ~~got~~ ~~sicker~~ ~~and~~ ~~died~~
- ~~Some~~ Europeans brought A LOT of diseases with them.
- Why did the Europeans have more germs? \Rightarrow They lived close ~~to~~ to animals and had denser populations.

- Activity - 6 sample essay questions

- Why do some scholars describe agriculture as "the fifth horseman of the Apocalypse?"

1) - Disease*

- Inequality*

- Overpopulation

- Destruction of the ecosystem

- War

- Famine (Settled in one place)

- Poverty

2) - Thesis: Although agriculture ^{was} necessary for the development of society, it could also be described as "The 5th Horseman of the Apocalypse" because it ~~brought about~~ ~~was~~ brought about higher rates of disease, increased the scale of war and made populations more vulnerable to famine.

\Rightarrow (Hierarchies: Gender, Slavery) etc.)

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- 3) - Any war over resources.
- Any disease that stems from domesticated animals

4) - had to adapt (irrelevant)

- Group's Essay questions:

- 1 → To what extent ~~what~~ was the shift to agriculture of neolithic populations a conscious choice?
Thesis → What was originally an unconscious decision, the shift to agriculture marked a conscious decision because they needed to stay in one place.
- 2 → us.
- 3 → How human beings have made artistic representations of animals for millennia, so why are the images ~~of~~ an pig — and — so different?
- 4 → ~~Why~~ In what ways were Mesopotamia and ~~the~~ Egypt similar societies?
- 5 → Why did some societies advantages over others by 3000 BCE?
↑ (According to Diamond)