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Recorder
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* What influences did Diamond not talk about forget about?

- Diamond seemed to forget that there are more geographical influences besides just the axes such as if they were near rivers/had barriers or what kind of land they were on.

- Seemed to be straight forward/ almost say this is the way it is/ only way it is. The way he describes it is almost too straight forward, he should have given more options/ discussed more

* What was Diamond's root discussion?

- Being on the/around the equator and so the spread of the agriculture was easier and did spread better.

- He sounds like it would be hard for things to spread and it spread alright and developed in new areas.

* Difference between ultimate & approximate ^{causes}

- Ultimate - latitude, axes

- Approximate - barriers, rivers, climate if it rained, land, etc.

- Ultimate is the main reason and approximate is the smaller things that played a small role.

- Liked the germ chapter

* To what extent the shift of agriculture a conscious choice?

- It benefited them in the long run even if they didn't realize it at first by switching from hunter-gatherer to agriculture

- * What accounts for growing urban centers?
 - The ten things you need to have an urban center, lacked most of these requirements
- * Mesopotamia & Egypt similar?
 - Both formed around rivers, both agricultural societies, similar societies except Egypt was more secluded
- * What did some societies have that others didn't?
 - Climate good for agriculture
- * Why is contrast btwn images revealing?
 - Shows how large animals were important and some had relationships with them when some hunted them.