

Was Farming an Improvement over Foraging?

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List seven (7) factors that contribute to your quality of life.

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Analysis from Investigation Gallery. Answer the following question based on the images and information in the Gallery.

Texts 1 & 2: What purposes do you think the tools were used? How might these tools improve quality of life?

Texts 3 & 4: Compare the hunter-gatherer shelters (Text 3) with that of Catal Huyuk (Text 4). Which lifestyle would you prefer? Why?

Text 5: What kind of laws might have existed in hunter-gatherer societies? How does the Code of Hammurabi reflect a transition to an agricultural society?

Text 6: Consider the range of jobs discussed in the text. Do you think specialization of labor was an improvement to quality of life?

Text 7: What limitations do you see to the diet listed in the text? Do you see any advantages to this diet?

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Text 8, 9, & 10: After reading the excerpts from Cohen and Diamond and the graph about waistlines, has your opinion about hunter-gatherer societies changed? Why or why not?

Text 11: What do you think about the different roles for men and women in Bushmen culture? Do you think Lee is making a statement about society in general?

Text 12: What was the main idea expressed by Sahlins? Why do think this idea may have been controversial?

Text 13: What does Reilley seem to be saying about agricultural societies? How is this approach different from Diamond's and Sahlins' arguments? Which do you prefer? Which lifestyle best matches with your own ideas about quality of life?