

## A. Tools of Historians:

When studying history, it is important to recognize that everyone has a 1, or point of view.

Historians try to avoid 2, or only telling one side of the story.

Historians use geography, economics, sociology, and political science to try and understand the world. Some historians are 3; they study very old cultures. One of the main tools they use are 4 (objects used by 5), because often the cultures they study don't have a written language.

## B. Neolithic Revolution

Before the Neolithic Revolution, most people were 6 (people who don't settle in one place, but 7 & 8 for their food).

This early time period is known as the Paleolithic Era.

The Neolithic Revolution was a transition to 9. It was made possible by the 10 of plants and animals. It led to new technology like the 11.

People settled in 12, and the first civilizations developed.

Differences in 13 emerged.

The 1<sup>st</sup> governments formed. Differences in the status of 14 & 15 developed as a result of the new division of labor. Conflict 16 as a result of disagreements over 17.

## C. River Civilizations

The earliest civilizations developed along 18 & in 19 20.

These areas had 21 soils because of periodic 22. Some cultures developed 23 techniques to help water their crops.

The 4 Major River Civilizations were:

- ① 24, along the 25 River in N. Africa
- ② 26, between the 27 & 28 Rivers in the Middle East
- ③ 29, along the Indus River
- ④ 30, along the Huang-He/Yellow River

## D. Characteristics of Civilization

List 5 of the Characteristics  
& give an ex. for each

## E. Religions (Early)

Judaism was different from many early religions because Jews were 31, meaning they believed in one God. They believe that God made a 32 w/ Abraham (the 33 of the Jews) & that Jews are God's 34 35.

36 is very important to Jewish people (ex: The Ten 37, dietary rules). They believe in following these to lead an ethical life.

Another important person is

Judaism is 38, who they believe led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Jews typically believe that Jesus did exist (! may have been an important teacher), but is not the 39 or savior, that they have been waiting for. Because Jews typically marry each other & do not try to convert people to their religion, being Jewish can be both an 40 and a religion.

Jewish laws can be found in the 41 (Jewish holy book/same as 1<sup>st</sup> 5 books of the Christian Bible). These laws helped Jews maintain their identity when they were spread out (the 42). Today, many Jews live in 43, which is part of the land they believe God promised to Abraham in exchange for

his faith & obedience († that of his descendents).

Hinduism is polytheistic; it has 44 45. It is the 46 living religion & is associated w/ the country of 47. Hindus believe that when you die, you are born again as another being (48). They believe that your actions in this life (49) determine your spot in the 50 51, the social class system of India. In this system, the highest group are the Brahmin (priests) & the very lowest are called the 52. The ultimate goal is to get out of the cycle of death & rebirth & achieve 53, or liberation.

Because it is very hard to change your social class (during your lifetime) in the caste system, it could be classified as having low 54 55.

Buddhism was founded by 56 57 (aka the Buddha). Buddhists have 58 gods. They believe in reincarnation & Karma, but not the caste system. They also believe in non-59. Buddhism is based on 4 Noble 60: life is 61, 62 comes from 63, to eliminate 64 you must eliminate 65. Buddhists also believe in following the 66 way (8-fold 67) to achieve 68 or Enlightenment. An important Buddhist leader is the 69 70.

Confucianism was founded in 71 by Confucius. He wanted order & stability. Confucianism emphasizes 72 73 (loyalty & respect for your parents & ancestors) and fulfilling your 74. They viewed

the empire as a 75 w/ the emperor as the 76.

## F. Hammurabi's Code

The laws in Hammurabi's Code were often 77 (an 78 for an 79).

Punishments might vary based on

80 & 81 82. Law codes

like Hammurabi's can serve to 83 an empire.