

## Unit 2 Study Guide

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Test is on Thursday 10/4. It will be part multiple choice and part short answer.

### CONTENT QUESTIONS

You should be prepared to answer the following basic content questions.

- What was better about hunter-gathering lifestyles compared to agriculture?
- What advantages did farming civilizations have over their hunter-gathering neighbors?
- What changed about human societies once they began to farm?
- What is the theory of Geographic Luck?
- What are the 3 important geographic factors for Geographic Luck?
- What makes a plant “useful?”
- What are the traits of a Cereal Grain?
- What are some examples of cereal grains?
- What makes an animal useful?
- What are the 6 ways an animal can be useful? Provide an example of each
- Which parts of the world had no “Work” Animals?
- Which parts of the world had no “Transportation” Animals?

- Which parts of the world had no useful animals?
- What is diffusion?
- What is an innovation?
- Why is access to diffusion so important for a civilization?
- What parts of the world had easy access to diffusion?
- What parts of the world saw little diffusion before the pre-modern era (1500AD)?

### ANALYSIS QUESTIONS

You should be prepared to answer questions such as the following.

- One society has access to corn, beans, rice, and tomatoes as well as horses, cows, and sheep. The other society has access to potatoes, chili peppers, chocolate, coffee, avocado, bananas, tea, tobacco, cotton, and flax. According to Geographic Luck, which would grow faster and why?
- One society has access to wheat, rice, barley, millet, watermelon, cucumber, and peas as well as sheep and pigs. The other society has access to wheat as well as horses, donkeys, cow, pigs, llamas, dogs, and geese. Which would grow faster and why?
- One society has corn, beans, oranges, wheat, and coffee as well as pigs, donkeys and guinea pigs but is also fairly isolated.. The other has bananas but is pretty well connected to a number of other farming societies. Which would grow faster and why?
- Choose one of the following: Middle East, Europe, East Asia, North America, South America, Central America, Australia, Papua New Guinea. Explain, according to Geographic Luck, why the societies of that region either had an advanced civilization or an unadvanced civilization by 1500AD. OR explain why this is an exception to Geographic Luck.