

# SILENT BELL Ringer

Societies during the Neolithic Era developed agriculture, domesticated animals, made pottery, developed weaving skills, and built the first permanent houses.

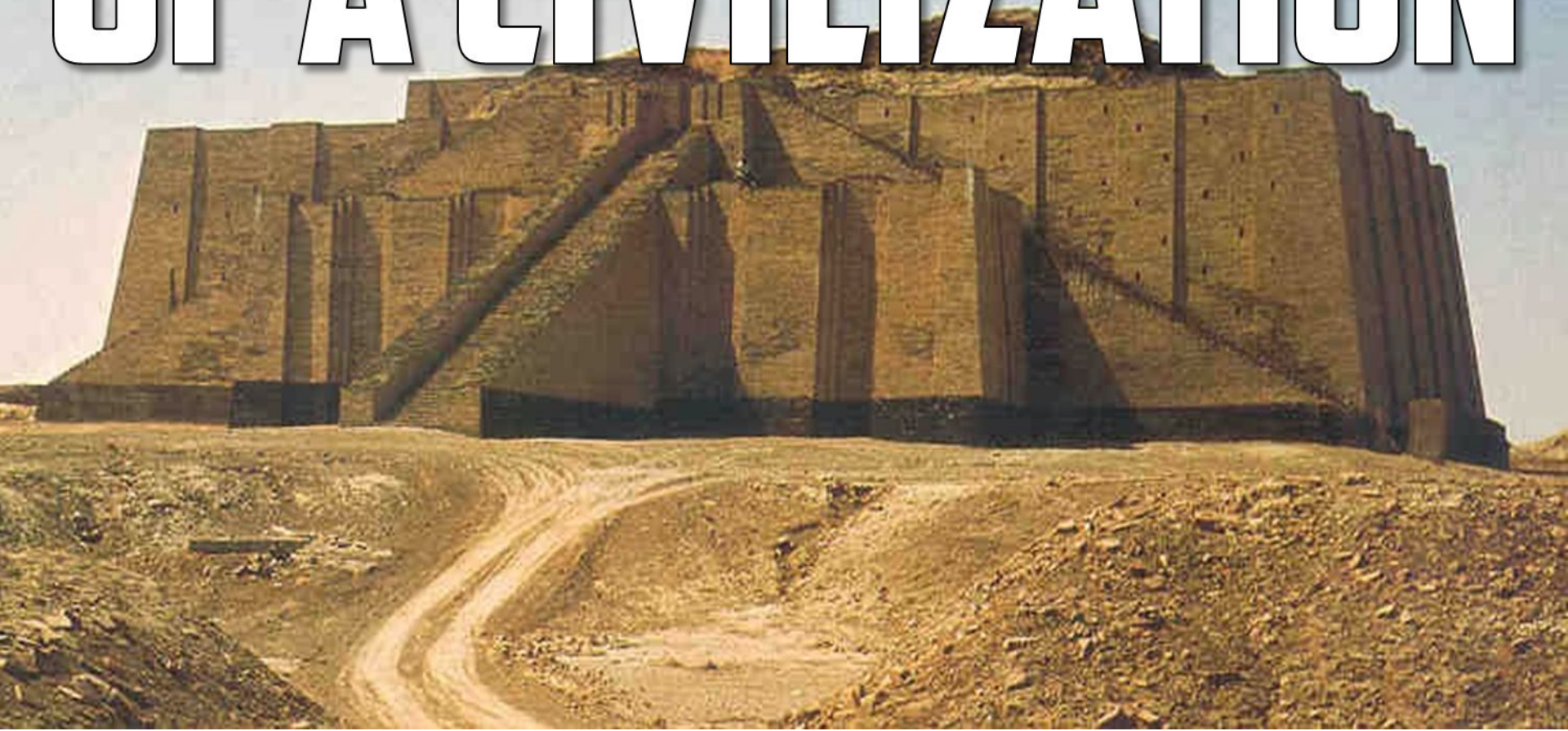
1. How were living conditions different between the Paleolithic and Neolithic Ages?
2. What were some other major differences?



# Schedule

- **Objective: I can describe the characteristics of a civilization**
- **Characteristics of a Civilization**
- **Early Settlements Reading**

# CHARACTERISTICS OF A CIVILIZATION



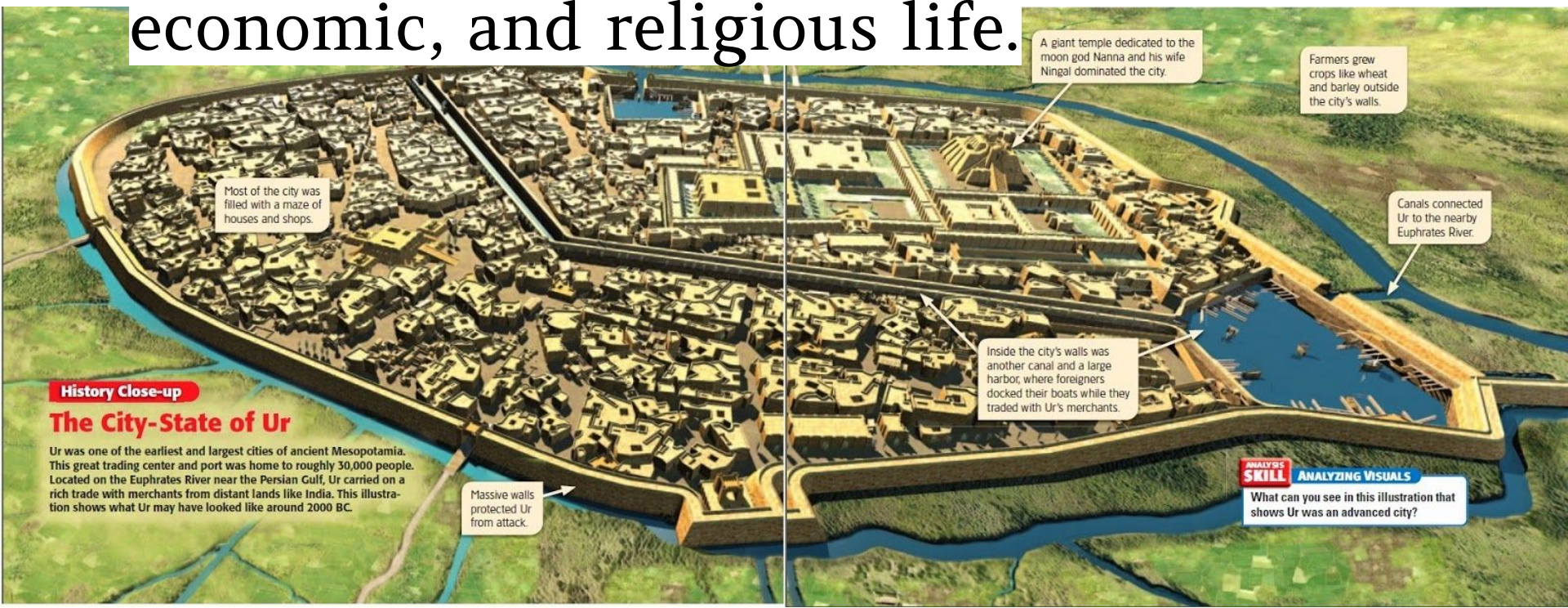
# **Characteristics of Civilizations**

An aerial illustration of an ancient walled city, likely Mesopotamian, situated on a riverbank. The city is enclosed by a thick, multi-tiered stone wall with a crenelated top. Inside the walls, a complex grid of streets and numerous small buildings are visible. A river flows through the city, with a canal branching off to the right. The surrounding landscape is a patchwork of green and brown agricultural fields, with some trees scattered throughout. The overall scene depicts a highly organized and advanced ancient civilization.

- **Advanced Cities**
- **Specialized Workers**
- **Complex Institutions**
- **Record keeping and Writing**
- **Advanced Technology**

# Advanced Cities

- Cities were the main feature of Ancient civilizations.
- These cities were more than just groups of people.
  - They were also centers of political, economic, and religious life.













# Specialized Workers

- Food surplus allowed people to specialize in jobs besides agriculture
- Now, not everyone has to spend their time hunting or gathering
- This led to specialized workers such as artisans, traders, and soldiers which helped strengthen and expand civilizations.











# Complex Institutions

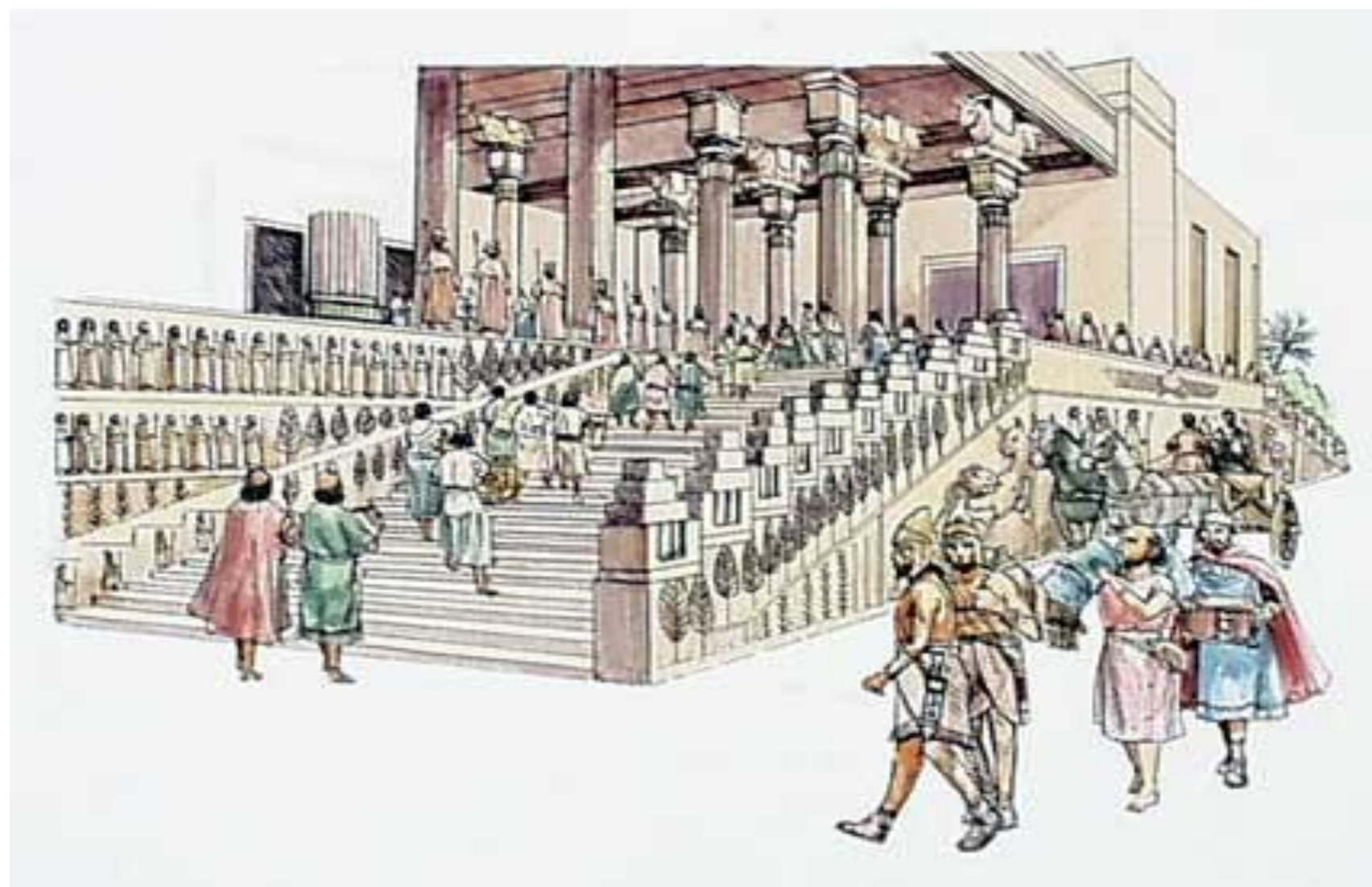
- Complex institutions such as law codes, religion and an economy were another characteristic of ancient civilizations.
- They organized, united, and helped civilizations to prosper and grow.











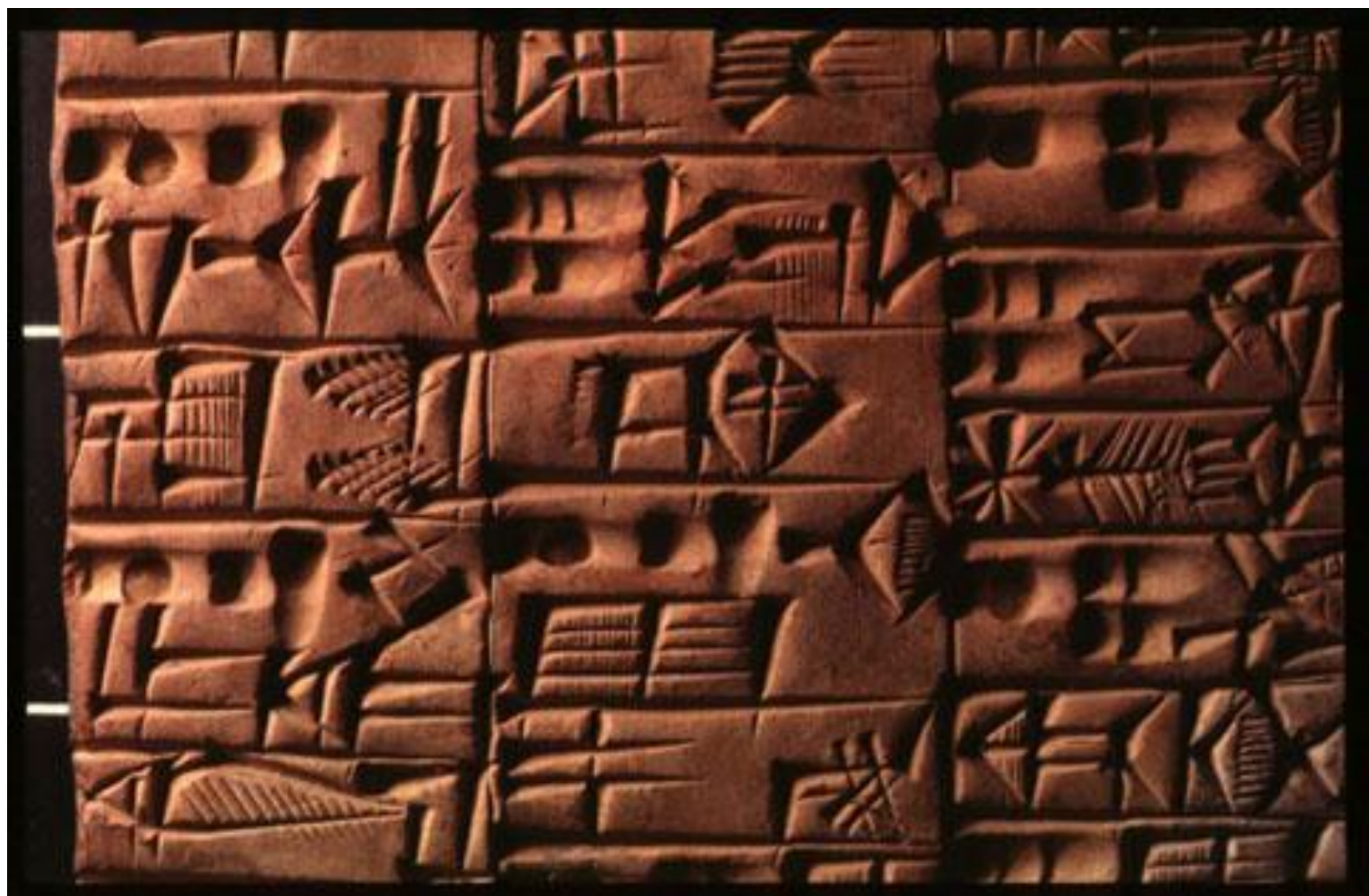


# Record Keeping & Writing

- Each civilization developed a system of writing.
- Created and recorded laws
- Priests could write down rituals to follow; Merchants could record trade.
- Eventually, people used the writing system to record thoughts and ideas, creating literature and correspondence.









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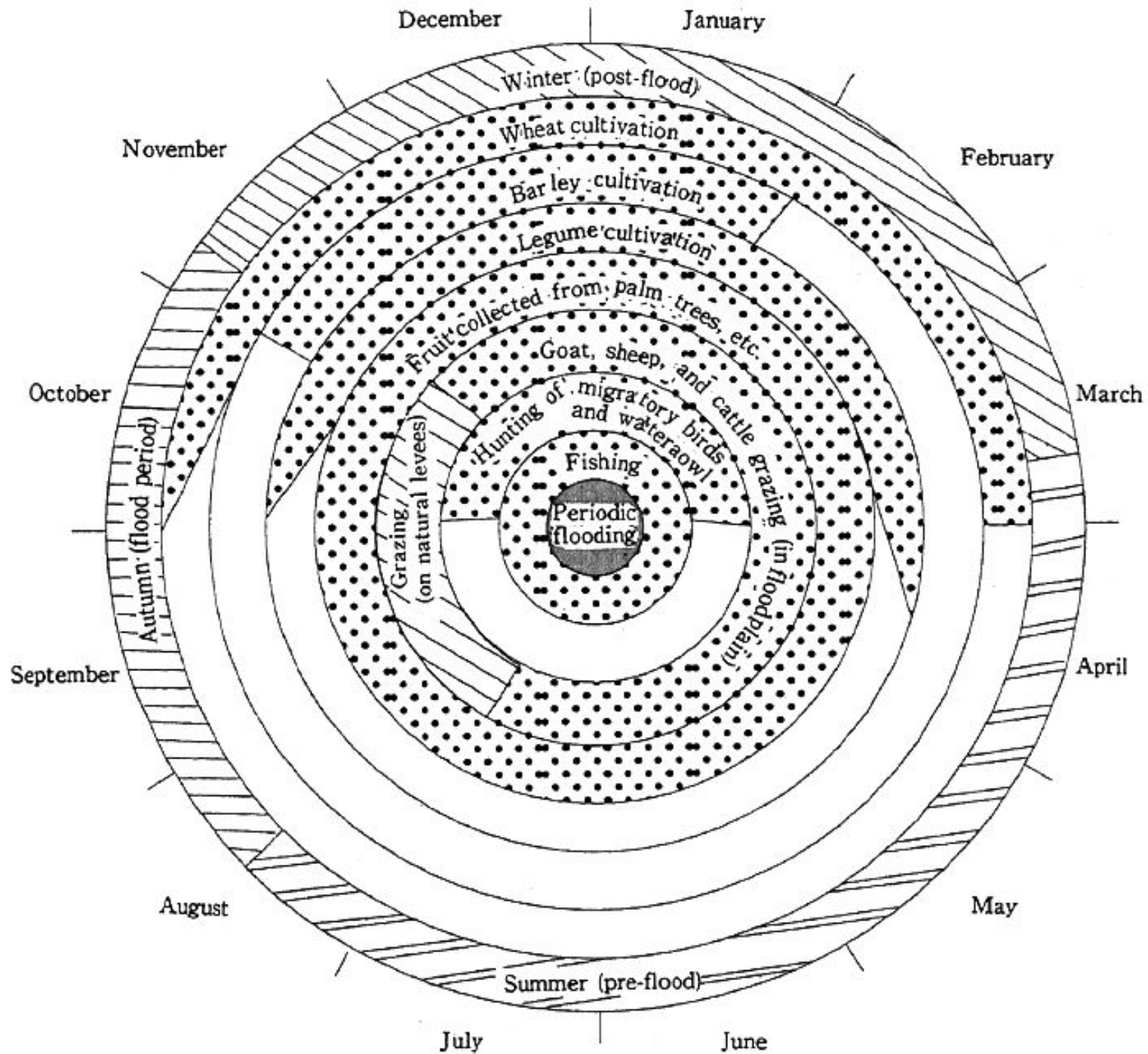




# Advanced Technology

- Civilizations created new tools using new materials such as metal.
- They also developed new tools to make work easier, faster or more efficient.
- Calendars were developed to make the world more orderly.







Polished stone axe



Flint cores



Microliths



Unretouched flint blades



# What effect did specialized jobs have on early societies?

## Stable Food Supply

In Paleolithic times, we spend most of our time searching for food and moving from place to place.



In Neolithic times, we can depend on crops and animals. We also have more spare time.



The advantages of creating a stable food supply was they didn't have to move around for their food. Also, the food was dependable because in the Paleolithic Age, they had to look for their food and move around until they found animals, but in the Neolithic Age, they could depend on their crops and animals to give them food.

## Permanent Shelters

In Paleolithic times, we have to live in mobile homes or caves in order to get materials.



In Neolithic times, we build comfy homes that protect us. We don't have to move everyday.



The advantages of having permanent homes were the Neolithic people had protection from predators and the weather. They also learned to cook in new ways and had bigger homes. It was more comfortable for the early humans and they could also build larger communities. The Paleolithic had to move everyday and find caves or build portable homes.

## Beginning to Trade

In Paleolithic times, we all gathered food for our families all day and everyday.



In Neolithic times, we have specialized jobs and we can trade with others.



The advantages of being able to trade were the Neolithic people could have specialized jobs. They invented different tools and ways of life from specialized jobs. They also made better use of materials and resources. It helped spread knowledge throughout the world. They traded obsidian, flint, and beauty products. It also freed up their time. The Paleolithic people spent most of their time finding food so they did not have much time to do anything else.

# **21<sup>st</sup> Century Example**

**Pick a modern day city and make a chart using the five characteristics to describe what type of city it is today.**

- Why it is important?**
- Why do people choose to live there?**
- Why people visit the city?**
- Anything else that the city is known for?**