**Unit five: agriculture & civilization**

After foraging came farming. This allowed for population growth and the formation of cities. Societies around the world created their own diverse civilizations and took different approaches to overcome geographical and environmental challenges.

**Part one:**

Complete the close reading questions on one of the articles of your choice.

**Directions:** Before you read, look at what you should *“Pay Attention to..”* Then consider the *“Questions to ask..”* in relation to what you should pay attention to while you read. In the *“summarizing”* column, answer the questions. In *“Close Reading Synthesis..”* summarize all of that information into 2-3 sentences.

Article Choice:

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| **Pay attention to..** | **Questions to ask** | **Summarizing** |
| Title | What is this article going to be about? |  |
| Headings | Now that you know a little more, what do you think it’s about |  |
| Resource quality | Is this a legitimate source? A primary document? What does this tell you about the article? |  |

Close Reading Synthesis:

Part two: compare civilizations

**Directions:** Read the “Agrarian Civilizations: Introduction” and 3 others of your choice. Use the chart to highlight the differences and any similarities between the civilizations.

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|  | Mesopotamia  (Uruk) | East Asia  (China, Korea, Japan) | Greco-Roman  (Greek, Rome) | Mesoamerica  (Olmec, Aztec, Maya, Inca) | Jericho | Aksum  (East Africa) | Ghana  (West Africa) |
| Time Span |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| World Zone |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Main Food Sources (grains, fruits, veggies) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Main Domesticated Animals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural, Geographical, and Environmental Challenges |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Legacy and Accomplishments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Part three:

1. How did many of these civilizations overcome agricultural and geographical challenges?
2. What legacies did you find the most interesting or surprising? Why?
3. How did a civilization’s food and animal sources impact its history?