

PREHISTORY: Societies to Civilizations

1. Events in Prehistory: Dates and Event Cards
 - a. What is prehistory?
 - b. Why don't we know a lot about it?
 - c. In small groups, using the internet, match the Events in prehistory with the appropriate dates. Discuss as a class, why events happened when they did. How do we know what and when things happened (archaeology)?
2. Paleolithic vs. Neolithic
 - a. Anticipation Guide (your reaction now)
 - b. Compare and Contrast: Hunter-Gatherer and Agrarian Societies
 - i. Use pages 35-47 of your textbook
3. Civilized Brainstorm
 - a. As a class, brainstorm all things that are "civilized"
 - i. What does civilized mean?
 - ii. What constitutes a civilization?
4. Civilizations Web
 - a. In small groups, research a "current civilization" by noting its:
 - i. Time and Place
 - ii. Communication and Language
 - iii. Food and Shelter
 - iv. Beliefs and Values
 - v. Tools and Technology
 - vi. Social Organization
 - vii. Work and Trade
 - viii. Art and Architecture
 - ix. Enduring contributions?
5. Final Project: Imaginary Civilization
 - a. In Pairs or groups of 3, create an imaginary civilization (using the planning sheet provided).
 - b. Represent your civilization on a poster board, brochure, website, or magazine, etc...
 - c. It does not have to be realistic, it can be set in the future, and even on another planet. However, all the elements must mesh together and "make sense."