**History of Western Civilization to 1500 Mr. Kirchberg**

**(*UW-Marinette: History 105*)**

**Background Information**

**1.** History **=** *Written Record* & Prehistory **=** *Before Writing*

**2.** Why do we study history**?**

**3.** Six types of history**: a.** Political **(**leaders are important**)**

**b**. Military (wars & battles)

**c.** Economic **(**Wealth as the incentive**)**

**d.** Social **(**Society’s input)

**e.** Cultural **(**Music, religion, etc.**)**

**f.** Psycho **(**Insight thru**.** people’s minds**)**

**4.** Three types of documents**: a.** Primary documents **–**

**(**letters, diaries, newspapers, etc**.)**

**b.** Secondary documents **–**

**(**teachers, biographies, texts, etc**.)** **c.** Visual documents **–**

**(**paintings, sculptures, photos, etc**.)**

**5.** Two types of Criticisms: **a.** Internal Criticism **–**does the

document make sense**????**

**b.** External Criticism – Are the

paper & ink right?

**6.** No Year Zero**: Timeline**

**(One cannot have nothing!) One Year!**

**3 B.C. 2 B.C. 1 B.C.E. A.D. 1 A.D. 2 A.D. 3**

**(3 B.C.E.) (2 B.C.E.) (1 B.C.E.) (C.E.)**

**Note:***Calendar used will be the Gregorian Calendar*

*of Pope Gregory XIII* ***(****C****.****E****.*** *1582****)***

***(****Decade* ***=****10 yrs****.,*** *Century* ***=*** *100 yrs****.,*** *Millenium* ***=*** *1000 yrs****.)***

**Note:***Hebrew****/****Jewish Calendar began in 3760 B.C.E.*

***(****Many aspects including a lunar element****)***

**Note:***Muslim Calendar began in 622 C.E. & is solar*

**7.** Civilization**:** Highly organized society with complex

institutions and attitudes that link a large

number of people together. **(ex.** cities**)**

**Western Civilization – Unit I**

**I.** Defining Western Civilization

**A.** Began at [Egypt](http://media.maps101.com/SUB/history/WRLH040-H.gif) & Mesopotamia

**B.** Christianity allowed for differentiation from

other civilizations

**1.** The Renaissance **(~1400-1600)** made Greek &

Roman the permanent foundation of the West

**2.** Contact with Islam & other civilizations helped

define the West

**C.** Colonization allowed the **“**ideas of the West**”**

to be transplanted

**D.** The West has a natural and material view of the

Universe, but religion still plays a part

**E.** The West is known for two main focuses

**1.** Reason& the individual

**2.** Mix in racism, totalitarianism, violence, slavery

and other such qualities to get the West

**Chapter I** Ancient Near East**:** The First Civilization

**Egyptians (**Where writing & institutions associated

**Disagree** withWestern Civilization began**)**

**II.** The First Humans**/**[Hominids](http://www.scienceagainstevolution.org/v4i4f.htm)

**A.** Discerned not by historians but by archaeol-

ogists, and anthropologists to study prehistory

**B.** **“**Humanity**”** began in east Africa **~**3-4 million

years ago

**1.** [Australopithecus](http://www.columbia.edu/itc/anthropology/v1007/2002projects/web/australopithecus/austro.html) (**ex.** **“Lucy”)** one of the

first to fashion tools

**2.** Homo [Erectus](http://occupyilluminati.com/wp-content/plugins/rss-poster/cache/c9c4d_wq54f90c3a.jpg) **(**a more evolved hominid**)**

**a.** Larger in size **~** 1.5 mil**.** B**.**C**.**E**.**

**b.** Better tool maker

**3.** Homo Sapiens **(“**wise human-being**”)**

**a.** Appeared **~**250,000 **B.C.E.**

**b.** Migrated from Africa and around the

world beginning in **~**70,000 **B.C.E.**

**4.** [Neanderthal](http://www.wired.com/images_blogs/photos/uncategorized/2009/02/12/neanderthal_660px.jpg) (**~**200,000**-**30**,**000 B**.**C**.**E**.**)

Denisovans **a.** Named for Neander Valley in Germany

of Asia **b.** Only in Europe, Southwest Asia**/**Mideast.

or Homo **c.** Mysterious disappearance **~**30,000 **B.C.E.**

[Floresiensis](http://www.astrosurf.com/luxorion/Bio/homo-floresiensis-daynes.jpg) **i.** Killed by smarter Cro- Magnon**???**

of Malayasia **ii.** Assimilated**/**[interbred](http://www.rdos.net/neanderthal.jpg) with Cro-Magnon

**(“Hobbits” ~ 40 inches tall)** **iii.** Failed to live without Ice Ages [**NEA**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toBWYvtobH0)

**5.** Cro-Magnon

**a.** Discovered in caves in France **–** 1868

**b.** Directly preceded modern man and

disappeared **~**10**,**000 **B.C.E.**

One species **c.** Looked modern **(**Homo Sapiens Sapiens**)**

**d.** Better tool and weapon maker **(spear-thrower)**

**e.** Migrated [from](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJdT6QcSbQ0) Africa to world-wide

between **~**70**,**000 to **~**20**,**000 B**.**C**.**E**.**

**Hands →** **f.** Famous black & red cave [drawings](http://www.uncp.edu/home/rwb/Lascaux_Horses.jpg)

**&** [**Hunting**](https://s3.amazonaws.com/lowres.cartoonstock.com/history-prehistory-cave_arts-cave_drawing-cave_art-cavemen-lhan244_low.jpg) **g.** Disappeared genetically

**C.** Stone Age **(**[Chipped](http://media.web.britannica.com/eb-media/73/91873-004-E9F9F65F.jpg) [stone](http://farm9.staticflickr.com/8517/8553965063_838718c392_b.jpg) tools to arrows**)**

**1.** **2.5** million to **~3500/2500** **B.C.E.**

**2.** Three divisions

**a.** Old Stone Age **=** Paleolithic

**2.5 million to** **i.** Palaios **(**Greek**)** **=** **“**ancient**”**

**12,000** **B.C**.**E.** **ii.** Lithos **=** **“**stone**”**

**b.** Middle Stone Age **=** Mesolithic Age

**(**12**,**000 **–**10**,**000 **B.C.E.)**

**c.** Neolithic Age**/**Revolution **(**10**,**000 **–** 4**,**000 **B.C.E.)**

**i.** Began with the end of the

[Wisconsin](http://media.web.britannica.com/eb-media/18/64918-004-1078906E.gif) Ice Age (last)

**ii.** Beginning of transitional communities

**(**farming & hunting to survive**)**

**(a)** Agricultural revolution began

**(b)** Herding of animals

**(c)** Domestication of the dog, goat,

pig, and sheep with the growing

of wheat & barley in the Near East

**iii.** First permanent communities

in the Dead Sea region

**(a)** Jericho **~**8000 **B.C.E.**

**6000 people by (b)** Catal-Huyuk with mud brick

**5700 B.C.E.** homes and access by the roofs

**Ishtar!? iv.** Artisan class develops

**v.** Communities begin around a type of

 **“**shrine**”** tomostly earth [goddesses](https://classconnection.s3.amazonaws.com/1875/flashcards/714308/jpg/venus-of-willendorf.jpg) like

**vi.** Other consequences of Neolithic Rev**.**

**(a)** Division of labor

**(b)** Use of pottery for cooking**/**storage

**(c)** Weaving of baskets

**(d)** Flint for hoes, sickles & arrows

**(e)** Men held power

**(f)** First metal, copper, is fashioned

between 4000 **–** 3300 **B.C.E.**

**Bronze Age (3000 – 1200 B.C.E.)** **(g)** Eventually walled cities & armies

**Iron Age Started ~1400 B.C.E.** develop with better farming

**III.** Emergence of Civilization

**A.** Civilization **=** a complex culture in which large

numbers of human beings share a variety of

common elements **(**usually cites & writing)

**1.** Focus of cities politically, economically,

socially & culturally **(**includes religion**)**

**a.** Obsession with gods for success

**b.** Priestly class gained first power

**c.** Warrior class developed with a

bureaucracy to build, to defend, & to audit

**2.** Pyramidal social structure with priests-kings, to

nobility, to scribes, to artisans-merchants, to

farmers to slaves **(small group)**

**3.** Writing develops for records **(~**3100 **B.C.E.)**

**4.** New architecture for religious buildings

**B.** Other Civilizations besides the West

**1.** Indus Valley**:**  [Harappa](http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/rmhttp/schools/primaryhistory/images/indus_valley/land_of_the_indus/i_map.gif) & Mohenjo-daro

**(~**3000-1500 **B.C.E.)**

**2.** China**:** [Yellow](http://www.currituck.k12.nc.us/cms/lib4/NC01001303/Centricity/Domain/142/first_thumb1326682566.jpg) River **(~**2000 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Shang Dynasty **(**1750-1122 **B.C.E.)**

**b.** Farmer**/**Warrior society

**3.** [Turkmenistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bactria%E2%80%93Margiana_Archaeological_Complex) & [Uzbekistan](http://static.ddmcdn.com/gif/willow/geography-of-turkmenistan0.gif) (**~**2000 **B.C.E.)**

**Central Asia** **a.** Own system of writing

**Civilization** **b.** Farmers**/**herders with mud brick buildings

**4.** Caral, Peru Civilization (**~**2600 **B.C.E.)**

**a.** Began in Supe River Valley

**b.** Irrigated, with stone building & apartments

**C.** Why Civilizations developed

**1.** To deal with presented challenges

**2.** **Farming is key for civilizations to exist!**

**a.** Leads to invention, specialization, division of

labor, bureaucracies to exist, & large pops.

**b.** Material society develops

**3.** Religion caused a sense of unity **(**nonmaterial**)**

**4.** Unknown reasons**?????**