

Paleolithic and Neolithic Eras

Paleolithic (250,000-10,000 BCE)	**Neolithic (Began roughly 8000 BCE)
- aka Old Stone Age	- aka Stone Age
- create fire	- Agricultural Revolution
- egalitarian*	- warmer climate → crop growth
- nomadic	- irrigation
- hunting and gathering	- rise in population
- tools of stone, bone, antler, wood	- regional trade
- axes, spears, arrows, fishing pole	- river valley civilizations
- clothing of animals	- astronomy and calendars for seasons
- cave art	- writing, math, and record keeping

Characteristics of a Civilization

Advanced Cities

- population size (10,000s)
- trade centers
- religious centers

Specialized Workers

- surplus food
- artisans, shopkeepers, soldiers, officials, rulers, priests

Social Classes (in descending order)

- Rulers/Priests
- Nobles
- Artisans and Merchants
- Farmers
- Slaves

Complex Institutions

- Government
- Religion
- Education
- Military
- Record Keeping
- events, time, business, religious rituals

Advanced Technology

- monuments
- art
- tools

