

Chapter 2 Section 2

Neolithic Age

Vocabulary

- Neolithic Age – (New Stone Age) 8000 BC, time when people changed to food producers from food gatherers
- Domesticated – tamed, to lose fear of humans
- Population – number of people
- Jericho – Neolithic city on the West Bank in Israel, oldest city in Southeast Asia

- Post-and-Lintel – horizontal length of wood or stone placed across two upright poles to make the structure of a building
- Specialization – development of occupations
- Earth Mother – Goddess of fertility, most important goddess in Neolithic Culture

Reading Check Questions:

1. What two discoveries brought about the Neolithic Age?

- Growing Food
- Herding Animals



2. How did herding start?

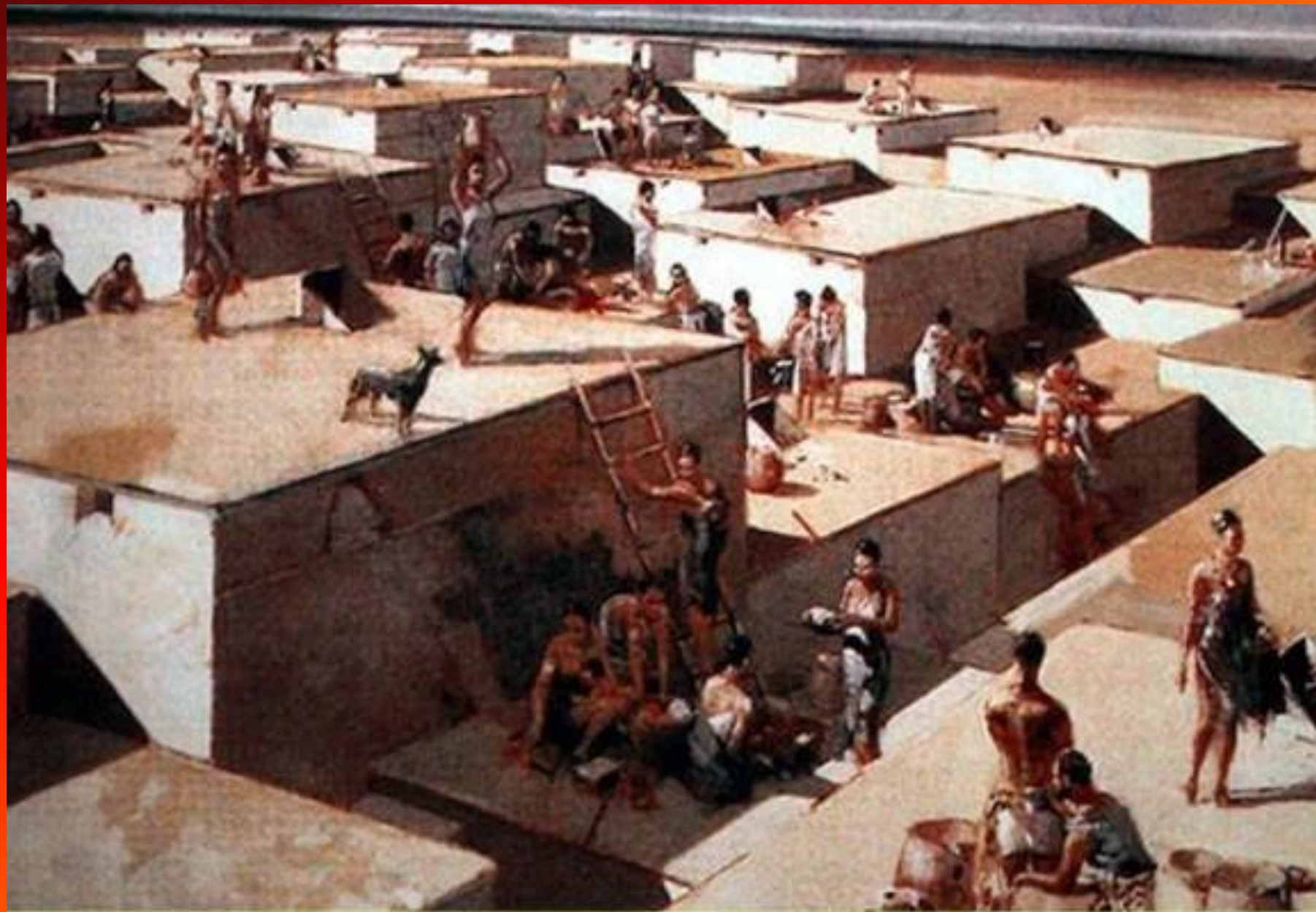
- A hunting band built fences around a herd of wild animals that they chased into a ravine.
- They then slaughtered the animals as needed one at a time.



3. Why do Archaeologists know so much about Catal Huyuk?

- Fire blacked all of the artifacts and acted as a preservative





Catal Huyuk Town

4. Describe a Neolithic house design

- 2-3 room buildings
- Usually close to the ground
- No doors
- People entered and exited from a hole in the roof

Çatal Hüyük

Situada al sur de Anatolia, esta ciudad neolítica, construida en el milenio a. C., es una de las más antiguas del mundo. Fue descubierta a finales de los años cincuenta del pasado siglo.

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5. Where did they bake their bread during the Neolithic Age?

- Ovens that were made of stone and clay bricks were located outside in the center of the village



6. What jobs came about because of the ease of obtaining food?

- Potters baked clay to make pottery
- Weavers began to spin thread and weave it into cloth
- Metal workers pounded metal into jewelry and weapons

7. How did pottery change the diet of humans?

- It allowed them to be able to store food for a period of time
- It introduced foods such as soup and stew



8. Why did Neolithic Government arise?

- As humans settled into towns landownership became important, because the better the land the more profitable the person was.
- Laws had to be set up to protect land owners and to keep order in a community

9. What other role did Neolithic Chiefs fill in a community?

- They were also religious leaders



Earth Mother