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1. Explain why the earliest civilizations would have been situated near rivers.
2. What is the definition of a civilization?
3. Where were the earliest River Valley Civilizations established?
4. What is a nomad, why would they need to move around?
5. Summarize each of the basic features of a civilization
   * Organized Governments:
   * Complex Religions:
   * Job Specialization:
   * Social Classes:
   * Arts & Architecture:
   * Public Works:
   * Writing:
6. What impact did the environment have on ancient civilizations?
7. What is cultural diffusion, how did it affect civilizations?
8. What is a city-state, is it the same as feudalism?
9. What is an empire?