

# Agricultural Revolution

**Mini-Lesson—cut this out and glue to the right hand page of your notebook.**

In order to survive the last ice age humans had adopted a mostly meat diet. As the most recent warming trend began, much of the megafauna started to die off forcing humans to adopt a different diet. This new diet included plants and seeds. When humans discovered you could intentionally plant seeds and grow them for food a **revolution** in culture took place. A **revolution** is something that dramatically changes peoples' way of life. **Domestication** (raising of plants or animals for human use) came onto the scene. People also began to realize that they could capture and control certain types of animals and **domesticate** them as well. In order to accomplish farming and raising animals people had to live in places where **fertile** (when a substance contains nutritious elements for growth) soil was located. This is why people settled near rivers. The flooding brought a new layer of nutritious soil which was deposited upon the land every year. This kept human food sources close to home, which meant no more **nomadic** (wandering from place to place) lifestyle!

People began to settle in one place that provided for all their needs, usually close to a fresh water source. Villages and towns began to appear. Some individuals began to **specialize** or learn a trade other than farming at which they become an expert. These **artisans** made tools, pottery, baskets, and many other things. Why did this happen? Well, people weren't having to spend all their time hunting and gathering their food anymore. Having more time gave humans the ability to explore different interests and ideas. These ideas often led to inventions or modification of a process to accomplish something.

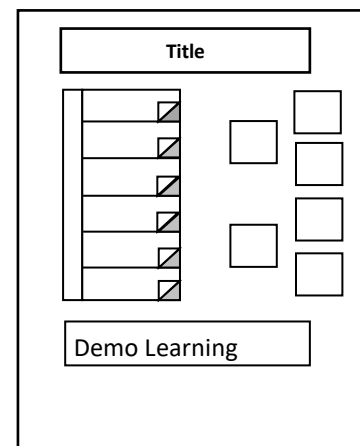
**Directions to complete left hand notebook page.**

**Step 1** – Color the title box, the chart, and all the little pictures lightly

**Step 2** – Cut out the title, chart, and little pictures. Cut the chart to have flaps. Using glue stick or tape, attach them neatly to the left hand page of your notebook as the graphic in this box shows you. The order of the little pictures does not matter.

**Step 3** – Under each flap define the vocabulary word. Then neatly draw lines to the picture each word matches up with.

**Step 4** – Glue the Demonstrate your learning box underneath the chart and answer its question using information from the mini-lesson.



**Demonstrate your learning.**

Why is discovering how to farm and raise animals considered a revolution?