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**The Agricultural Revolution**  
**Crash Course World History #1**

**Directions:** As you watch Crash Course World History, listen attentively to fill in the blanks below. You may need to complete multiple viewings.

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Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.

**Hunting and Foraging Beginnings**

1. Fifteen thousand years ago, humans were \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ meant gathering fruits, nuts, also wild grains and grasses.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ allowed for a more protein-rich diet.
2. Because of \_\_\_\_\_, the people populating the planet tended to run for the shore then stay there.
3. The bones and teeth of foragers are healthier than those of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Therefore, fossil evidence suggests that they actually had it pretty good.
4. The cultivation of crops seems to have risen \_\_\_\_\_ over the course of millennia in a number of places, using crops that naturally grew nearby:
  - a. Southeast Asia: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Mexico: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Andes: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Fertile Crescent: \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. West Africa: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Shift to Agriculture**

5. The Advantages and Disadvantages of Agriculture:

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Controllable _____</li> <li>• Better chance of not _____</li> <li>• Can create a _____,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In order to keep feeding people, you have to radically change the _____ of the planet.</li> <li>• Farming is _____.</li> </ul>

<p>which makes cities possible and also the specialization of labor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture can be practiced all over the _____.</li> </ul>	
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### Why the Agricultural Revolution Occurred

6. While historians don't know for sure because there are no written records, guesses include:
- \_\_\_\_\_ pressure necessitated agriculture even though it was more work.
  - Abundance gave people \_\_\_\_\_ to experiment with domestication.
  - People needed to domesticate grains in order to produce more \_\_\_\_\_.
  - There wasn't really an agricultural revolution at all; agriculture came out of an \_\_\_\_\_ desire to eat more.

### Conclusion

7. History reminds us that revolutions are not events, so much as they are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Abstract:** Synthesize the information – In your own words (or pictures), what is the major argument John Green is making and what are the main ideas that can be taken away from this video?