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ESSAY 1. Compare and Contrast

Mesopotamia and the Agricultural Revolution

- I. Follow all instructions carefully before you start drafting your essay.
 1. In this unit you follow the shift from nomadic to agricultural society. In this essay you will pursue a statement that you believe is true based on your comparisons of nomadic and agricultural societies. Go over your notes, your journals with your ideas and comments, and your compare-and-contrast paragraph. Which ideas involved in Unit 1. seem the most interesting to you? What are you exactly comparing? Be careful with facts regarding time and geography. Be sure you are clear about all facts before you start writing.

2. Compare and Contrast Chart

| Nomadic Society | Agricultural Society |
|-----------------|----------------------|
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3. Brainstorming

Pick one of your main ideas based on the chart above. Write down anything that comes to mind that you consider important regarding this idea. Ask yourself: Why does it matter? Use a separate sheet of paper. You don't have to include it in your assignment. Write for 5 minutes.

4. Now, write down one full statement about the main idea that is true to you.
5. Can you justify your statement? Think: This is true because.... Write down your reasons on a piece of paper.

6. Make an outline of your essay by filling in the boxes below:

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| My Essay topic: |
| Introduction: The introduction is a general introduction of your main topic. Think of five sentences you would include in your introduction. Include your statement at the end of the introduction! |
| Paragraph one: Develop one of your reasons that support your statement. Do you have any examples? Take notes here. |
| Paragraph 2: Do the same as in paragraph one |
| Conclusion: Think of some concluding sentences that “wrap up” your thinking! |
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