



Early humans survived by foraging for food, moving from one place to another as the seasons changed or resources were used up. Then, in several locations at the same time about 11,000 years ago, humans learned to farm. People stayed in one place to tend crops. Populations exploded. Civilizations formed and became diverse. Collective learning accelerated.

INGREDIENTS  
& GOLDBLOCKS  
CONDITIONS

- Increasingly dense human communities
- Knowledge about the environment
- Warmer climates after the last ice age
- Increasing competition for resources



NEW  
COMPLEXITY

- Domestication of plants & animals
- Villages, cities, & agrarian civilizations

QUESTIONS

Was farming an improvement over foraging?