

Foundations of World History

This Fleeting World by David Christian.

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Read with the goal of getting a perspective on the overall shape and scale of human and world history. Please pay careful attention to the shift from gatherer-hunter to agrarian societies. Also read closely the analysis of the development of civilization and complex societies. We will reference this book in our class discussion. Be thinking about how you might respond to the following questions:

1. "*Agriculture was the greatest mistake in human history.*" Evaluate and respond to this statement.
2. "*Civilization came at a cost and at the expense of its inhabitants.*" Evaluate and respond to this statement.