

**STUDY GUIDE FOR UNIT TEST 1: EARLY PEOPLE AND THE RISE OF CIVILIZATIONS**

**How To Study:** Your class notes are your best resource for studying. You may also use your textbook.

• The Peopling of the World (pp. 2-25)	• Pyramids on the Nile (pp. 35-43)	• Glossary (p. R40)
• City-States in Mesopotamia (pp. 29-34)	• The Origins of Judaism (pp. 77-82)	

**Format:** 40-45 multiple-choice questions

**Part I – Key Terms:** Define the following key terms.

primary/ secondary source		polytheistic	
prehistory		empire	
hominid		Code of Hammurabi	
Paleolithic Age		cuneiform	
nomadic		delta	
hunter-gatherers		pharaoh	
Neolithic Revolution		pyramid	
slash and burn farming		mummification	
domestication		papyrus	
civilization		hieroglyphics	
Fertile Crescent		monotheism	
irrigation		Moses	
city-state		Torah	
ziggurat		Ten Commandments	

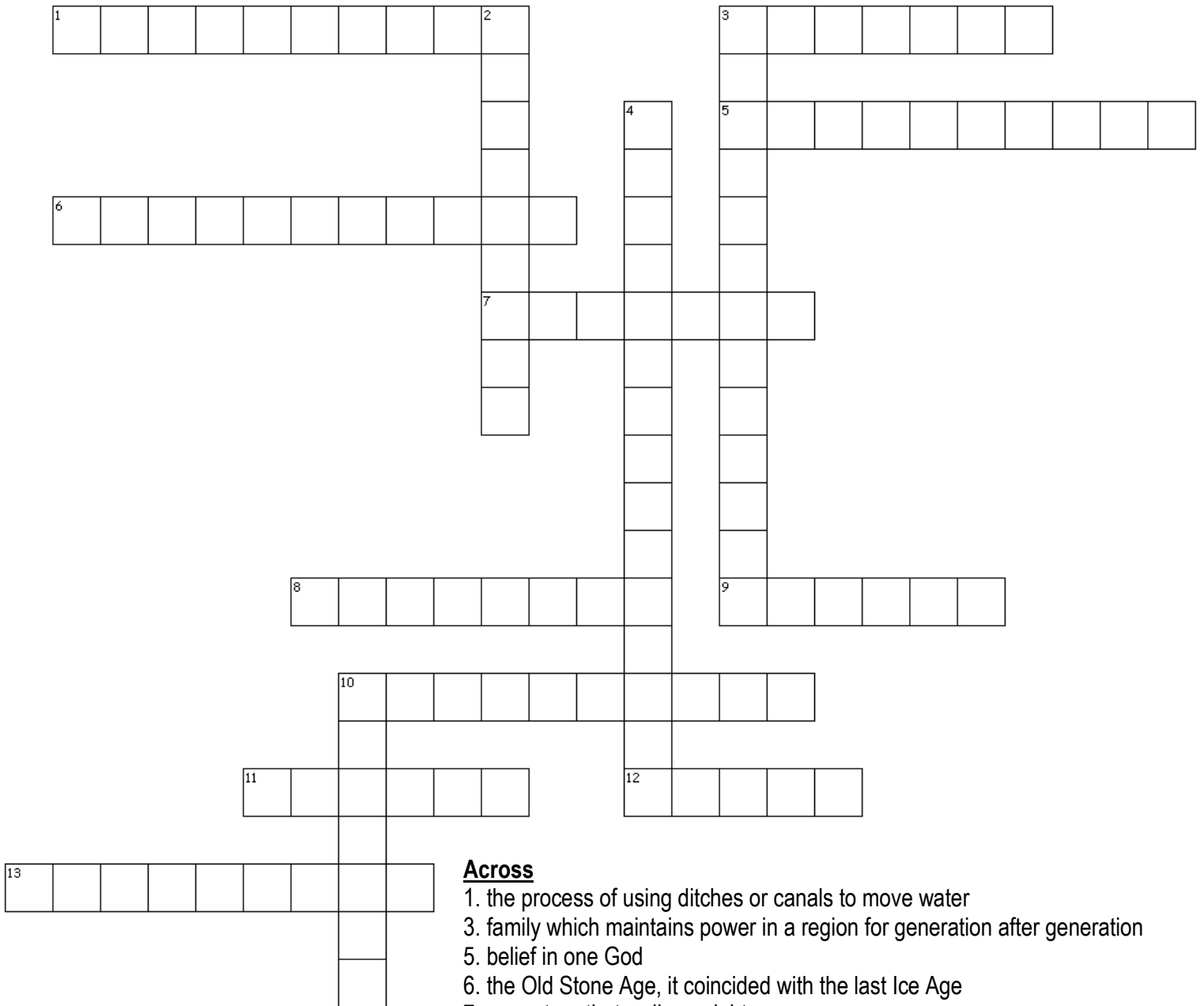
**Part II – Study Questions:** Write a full paragraph (at least 5 sentences) in response to each question.

- 1) Describe some of the traits and achievements of early hominids in the Paleolithic Age.
- 2) Describe at least two ways that the Neolithic Revolution changed human life. In what way did these changes set humans on a course for civilization?
- 3) Identify and explain at least five characteristics that we use to define a place as a *civilization*.
- 4) Why did the earliest civilizations develop in river valleys? Describe both the advantages & challenges of living near the river.

- 5) Briefly describe Sumerian civilization in each of the following areas: geography; social structure; government; religion; and achievements.
- 6) What types of laws were included in the Code of Hammurabi? What were the goals of the code? Explain why it is historically significant.
- 7) Briefly describe ancient Egyptian civilization in each of the following areas: geography; social structure; government; religion; and achievements.
- 8) Describe some of the key characteristics of Judaism. Explain how the religion of the Hebrews differed from the religions of their neighbors.

**Part III – Crossword Puzzle:** Complete the puzzle.

## Early People and The Rise of Civilizations



**Across**

1. the process of using ditches or canals to move water
3. family which maintains power in a region for generation after generation
5. belief in one God
6. the Old Stone Age, it coincided with the last Ice Age
7. a creature that walks upright
8. Egyptian kings
9. people who move from place to place looking for food
10. belief in more than one God
11. several people or nations under the control of one ruler
12. sacred Jewish writings, the first five books of the Old Testament of the Bible
13. Mesopotamian system of writing

**Down**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Revolution; the shift from food gathering to food producing
3. the taming of animals for human use
4. Mesopotamia is also called by this name
10. writing surface invented by Egyptians