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***Guns, Germs, and Steel***

Viewing Guide

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| **At least four (4) dates/events/facts** | **Questions to be answered** |
|  | 1. Who is **Jared Diamond**? What does he do? 2. What **questions** does he want to answer? 3. What question does **Yali** ask Jared Diamond? 4. How does Jared Diamond **rephrase** Yali’s question? 5. Why does Professor Diamond believe that **Papua New Guineans are highly intelligent**? 6. What do all **great (powerful) civilizations** have in common?    1. How long have people been **farming** in Papua New Guinea? 2. Why are the types of **crops** available in a region so important? 3. **How many** kinds of animals have been domesticated? 4. What **kinds of animals** are best **domesticated**? 5. Where were the **domesticated animals** from? 6. How were people in the **Fertile Crescent** given an advantage in building a civilization? 7. What are **specialists**? Give examples. 8. Why are **specialists** so important? 9. What is a **surplus**? Why is it so important? 10. Why does Diamond say that **Papua New Guineans** did not develop technology? 11. What eventually happened to the **environment in the Fertile Crescent**? How did **humans** react to this? 12. What is the **East/West Axis**? Why is it so important? 13. What is **Jared Diamond’s Thesis statement**? 14. Do you think that Jared Diamond has **adequately supported his thesis statement**? |