Farming Vs. Hunter / Gatherer

Look at the map on page 39 that shows where farming first started on Earth. The **Near East**, **Nile Valley, Mediterranean Europe,** and **Iran** areas were the first places farmed.

***Why do you think this is where people first started to grow crops and raise animals? What do they all have in common?***

Read “Not all People Farmed” on p.39, then think/talk about the following questions and write down your ideas.

1. Why hunt / gather? List some advantages hunter-gatherers had over farmers:
2. Why choose to farm? List some advantages farmers had over non-farming people:
3. Why did whole societies of hunter-gatherers disappear almost overnight? List as man reasons as you can think of (not just those in the text).

Mysteries of the Past

Read over pages 42-43, and complete the chart about the three “mysteries” that have yet to be solved from Neolithic times.

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|  | **Where** is it? | **What** is it? | **Why** is it a mystery? |
| **Stonehenge** |  |  |  |
| **Easter Island Statues** |  |  |  |
| **Nazca lines** |  |  |  |

Many Different Societies

Read ‘Many Different Societies’ on page 45, and then answer the following question

1. If all human life started out at approximately the same place on Earth, why did so many different cultures (language, religion, beliefs, customs, art, music, etc.) develop? Explain as many reasons as you can think of.