

The Rise of Civilization

People live in small groups traveling from place to place, hunting and gathering food.



These groups settle in areas where there is a steady supply of food, such as the Fertile Crescent. As more groups move to the area, they form a larger community.



Agriculture is discovered, resulting in food surpluses and population growth.



Surplus food supports members of the community who begin doing specialized work. Some farm, some make tools, and others build.



As the community grows a complex culture forms. Rules are created to keep its members safe, ensure food production, and settle disputes.



In time a civilization rises, with a social structure and government formed by specialists in administration and war. Leaders make decisions and often choose to conquer neighboring communities.

