**Social Studies Study Guide: Quiz for Friday, Nov. 7.**

1. Please try to be able to describe the agriculture revolution in three or four lines of writing. Here is an overview of what we read and discussed in class:

The **agriculture revolution** was a big change. It began about 10,000 years ago and happened gradually. First people figured out how to use seeds to grow plants for food. Next, they figured out how to tame some wild animals. Over many years, they learned to plant only the seeds from the healthiest plants. They also learned how to keep only the healthiest animals, so they would have healthy offspring.

Now people would have food just outside the door of their homes. They could grow crops of wheat in nearby fields. Their domesticated, animals would eat grass in the nearby pastures.

People did not have to search for food anymore. They could give up hunting. They could settle down in one place. People built permanent settlements, living in houses made of mud bricks. As they got better at agriculture, they produced more and more food. Population grew. Villages expanded and became towns. Towns eventually grew into organized cities. Life for humans had changed dramatically.

1. Please know the following terms:

**domesticate** – to tame and control plants and animals for human use

**grains** – the first crops of the agriculture revolution. They are called cereal crops and include oats, wheat and rice.)

1. Please know this brief definition of **civilization**: A highly complex society.
2. Please know at least *three* features of a civilization:

* Stable food supply
* Specialization of labor
* System of government
* Social levels
* Advanced culture: writing, art, architecture, religion, technology

**Note**: I am available to review with you or answer any questions at the start of class, during lunch or after school Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. ---Mr. Donovan