The Formation of Human Civilizations

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| What do I **KNOW** | What do I **WANT** to know | What did I **LEARN** |
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Introduction to the Formation of Civilizations

**When did human civilzations begin?**

* Educated guess :
* Evidence-based estimate:
* However, it was not until the year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that villages became real cities. That's when they came together to share a territory, to provide mutual protection and exchange of goods that the first civilizations appeared.

**Here are the steps involved in the formation of civilizations**

1. Humans domesticate plants and animals
2. They live in the same place year after year
3. Excess food permits the population to grow and, as a result, more people can live together
4. Villages become cities
5. Leaders and rulers are needed to maintain order
6. Excess food allows for energy to be put into the creation of clothing, tools and other products
7. Exchange of goods and services begins (commerce)
8. A need for protection develops

**Eight characteristics of civilizations**

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2. Organized religion
3. Transfer of knowledge
4. Public Works
5. Social structure
6. Technological innovation
7. Centralized government
8. Organized commerce

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Graphic Representations

**THINK, PAIR, SHARE**

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