**Chapter 1 Reading Guide: Before History.** Directions: As you read pages 15-23, answer the following questions thoroughly.

**Terms:**

Neolithic Era:

Agricultural Transition:

Slash and Burn Agriculture:

Jericho:

Catal Huyuk:

Specialization of Labor:

Metallurgy:

Social Distinction:

**Reading Guide:**

Using Map 1.1, how can you explain the wider range of *Homo sapiens* migrations?

Why did hunting and gathering societies have relative social equality?

How did Neandertals exhibit reflective thought?

Where were the earliest cave paintings found?

Why do historians believe these paintings were created?

When did the Neolithic Era begin?

Why did population grow during the Neolithic era?

Why did specialization of labor occur in villages?

How did urbanization create patriarchal societies?

What types of religious values did Neolithic societies have?

Why did cities become more complex over time?

How is Catal Huyuk a good example of a Neolithic city?

**Big Picture Questions (Answer in 3-4 sentences for each question)**

1. What is the evidence that explains the earliest history of humans and the planet?

2. Where did humans first appear on Earth, and describe their society, technology, and culture?

3. Describe earliest humans’ technology and tools.

4. What were the earliest humans’ religious beliefs and practices?

5. How did the earliest humans’ society help them procure enough supplies to survive?

6. Describe social and gender equality among hunting and gathering peoples.

7. What were the long-term demographic, social, political, and economic effects of the Neolithic Revolution?

8. Why did the Neolithic Revolution start?

9. Where did the Neolithic Revolution first transform human populations?

10. What labor adjustments did humans make in order to facilitate the Neolithic Revolution?

11. What were the environmental effects of the Neolithic Revolution?

12. What effects did pastoralism and agriculture have on the food supply?