1. Look at the depiction of the Venus figurine in this painting. What features are exaggerated? What do these exaggerations suggest about the role of the figurine in early human societies?
2. Looking at the two images above, what can be discerned about the division of labor within early agricultural systems?

3. Looking at the image, describe some of the occupations depicted there, and what this suggests about Sumerian society.
4. Looking at the figures depicted, suggest what they tell us about the economy and society of ancient Sumer.

5. Looking at the image, what does it suggest about Assyrian military tactics?

6. The Assyrians enshrined these images within their royal palaces. What does this suggest about the priorities of the Assyrian empire?
7. Looking at the image, what can be understood about the technology of Phoenician ship design?

8. What does the image of Phoenician ships transporting cedar logs tell us about the nature of the Phoenician contribution to the eastern Mediterranean economy?

9. Looking at the image, identify commodities and other goods exchanged between Nubia and Egypt.
10. Looking at the image, what does it suggest about Egyptian society’s structure and access to wealth?

11. Using the image, explain the Egyptian view of the afterlife and the role of Osiris.
12. Looking at the image, explain why the city of Mohenjo-daro was constructed at this location.

13. What does this image tell us about animal domestication in early south Asia?
Your answer should include the following:
14. What does the image of an early Zhou tomb indicate about early Chinese conceptions of the afterlife?

15. Looking at this image of a bronze wine vessel, explain what it indicates about technology and craftsmanship in late Shang China.
16. Using the image and the text, discuss the use of oracle bones in early China.
17. Look at the image above. Why was bloodletting seen as a crucial religious duty by the Maya?

18. Looking at the image, discuss the importance of royal participation in bloodletting rituals.

19. Using the image and the text, explain how Austronesian peoples were able to explore and colonize the islands of the western and central Pacific.