

**Chapter
11**

**Economic Activities and the
Origins of Agriculture**

**Rural and Agricultural
Geography 1**

Note: all of the following information in addition to your reading is important.

How Do We Classify Different Economic Activities?

- Define: agriculture - _____
- Define: primary economic activity, and cite several examples - _____
- Define: secondary economic activity, and cite several examples - _____
- Define: tertiary economic activity, and cite several examples - _____
- Define: quaternary economic activity, and cite several examples - _____
- Define: quinary economic activity, and cite several examples - _____
- Discuss how dividing economic activities into categories helps in understanding the economic structures of national economies - _____
- Explain how technology and mechanization may affect the proportion of the labor force in at least ONE economic activity - _____

When, Where, and Why did Agriculture Begin?

** The following can be answered using both the text and video.*

- Define: hunting and gathering - _____
- Briefly discuss what led to increased inefficiencies in hunting and gathering - _____
- Define: plant domestication (selective breeding) - _____
- Define: horticulture - _____

When, Where, and Why did Agriculture Begin? (continued)

- Describe what types of crops led to the start of the Neolithic Revolution - _____

- List several foods that were domesticated in the following locations during the First Agricultural Revolution:

1. Fertile Crescent	
2. China	
3. Western Africa	
4. Papua New Guinea	
5. Meso-america	
6. Andes and Amazonia	

- Define: animal domestication (animal husbandry) - _____

- Discuss what traits are advisable for animal domestication - _____

- Define: subsistence agriculture, and extensive subsistence agriculture - _____

- Define: shifting cultivation, and list its THREE general steps - _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- Give TWO reasons that explain why shifting cultivation is practiced by a small percentage of the world population, and why those numbers are shrinking - _____

- Define: nomadic pastoralism - _____

- Describe the environments in which nomadic pastoralism occurs, and how it is carried out - _____