What Does It Take To Be a “Civilization” Questions

World History Honors

1. What new problems arose with the development of early civilizations (more than 2)?
2. Agree or disagree with the following statements and EXPLAIN WHY:
   1. The earliest civilizations hardly benefited anyone other than the small, largely urban and male elites.
   2. Some segments of the population became worse off as a result of the development of complex societies.
   3. Social hierarchies in the earliest civilizations were flexible enough so that some of those with low status could rise by their own efforts.
3. How were the societies in Mesopotamia and Egypt between 3500-1500 BCE similar to each other? List 3.
4. How were the societies in Mesopotamia and Egypt between 3500-1500 BCE different than one another? List 3
5. What questions do you still have about early civilizations? Give 3

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1. You have been invited to give a talk to a group of younger students about “How Civilizations First Arose”. Basing your talk on your notes from the “What Does It Take To Be a Civilization” lecture, choose **6 important points** to talk about. Pick 6 that you feel you would need to make for your audience to understand what is meant by “civilization”. **Explain WHY** you decided those 6 things were the most important.