Chapter 1: Prehistory to the Early Civilizations Timeline

**Explanation:**

One of the important historical thinking skills that you will develop in World History is the ability to analyze chronology and reason chronologically. In many respects, it seems like a no brainer. For instance: human beings needed to discover how to create fire before they could discover metallurgy. (By the way, why is that?).

In other cases, chronology is more nuanced and occasionally unexpected. For instance, the bubonic plague—or “Black Death”—came before the European Renaissance, and that chronology is important but less obvious. (By the way, why is that?)

So, accepting that chronology is important, organizing important events and occurrences in chronological order is thus essential.

**Assignment: create a timeline that notes at least FIVE important steps in human socio-political development from the earliest Paleolithic age to the rise of the River Valley Civilizations. Make sure that you can argue how or why (or both how and why) your steps are significant and fit with the concept of chronological reasoning. Draw a line on the timeline, label and date it, and explain why you chose it on the lines below.**

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