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COMPARATIVE ESSAY

DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES

LEQ Prompt

Analyze the similarities and differences between the development of settled agricultural societies in the Americas and the development of settled agricultural societies in the Middle East prior to 600 BCE.

Directions: After reading the LEQ prompt, use the organizer below prepare to write a comparative essay in line with the requirements laid out in the LEQ Rubric and the Historical Thinking Skills chart and incorporating relevant information from your class materials, textbook, and historical knowledge. You must **start by developing your thesis statement**, which will serve as the guiding focus of your essay. Once you have your thesis, you should outline the rest of your essay in bullet form, including key points and specific examples you plan to include in the full version.

Contextualization (Historical Background Information to Set the Scene)	Thesis Statement (Point To Be Proved)
Similarities (Claim / Clarification)	
Middle East (Evidence / Explanation / Justification)	Americas (Evidence / Explanation / Justification)

Differences (Claim / Clarification)

Middle East

(Evidence / Explanation / Justification)

Americas

(Evidence / Explanation / Justification)

Conclusion (Reconnect to Thesis in Light of Evidence to Draw Conclusions)

Note on Organization: Since this is a **Comparative Essay**, your thesis and essay will have to examine both similarities and differences. You may choose to write one paragraph for similarities and one paragraph for differences, two for each, or my personal preference, one body paragraph for the former and two for the latter. However, where you indent is merely a matter of organization and does not affect length. No matter how many paragraphs there are, you must include all the requirements and fully address the thesis.