

Guns, Germs and Steel Video Questions

1. Why did history unfold differently on different continents? Why has one culture—namely that of Western Europe—dominated the development of the modern world?
2. Why over the past 10,000 years, has the development of different societies proceeded at such different rates?
3. Where did the first farming societies appear?
4. What were the benefits of the agricultural lifestyle compared to the hunter-gatherer existence?
5. Why is it noted that knowledge and technology spread east and west much easier than north and south?
6. Africans developed complex farming societies and they were able to stave off the European intruders. Yet, ultimately the Europeans conquered Africa through colonialism. Is that why much of Africa is mired in poverty? Explain.
7. Are we destined to be either poor or wealthy depending on where we were born? Is there much we can do about it? Explain.
8. Explain cargo.
9. How has Human Geography been affected by place?

10. How could the phrase “Knowledge is Power” impact people in less developed areas?