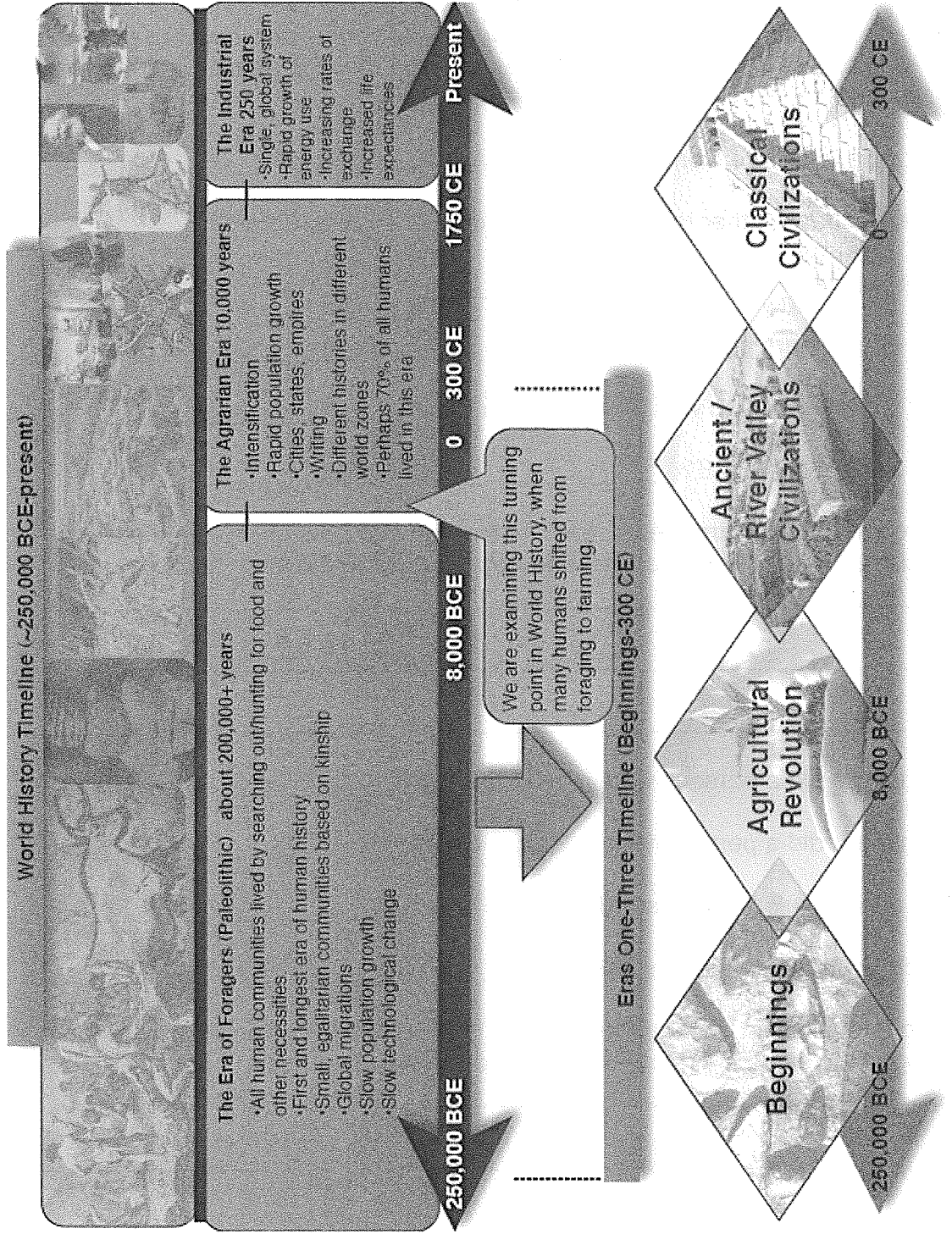


World History Timeline



Student Handout #2

World History Timeline Interpretation Guide

Work with a partner to answer these questions based on the World History Timeline your teacher has shared with you. Both of you should write down your answers on your own sheet. Be prepared to share your answers, and to explain the thinking behind your answers (how you arrived at your answer).

- 1) BCE means Before Common Era. What does CE mean? _____
Have you heard other terms for BCE and CE? What are they? _____
- 2) What year is it now? _____
How many years ago was the year 0? _____
How many years ago was 300 Common Era? _____
How about 8,000 BCE? _____
- 3) There are three different eras, each in a green text box, on this timeline.
What are the names of the eras and how much time did each of them last?

- 4) In what era did a person living in 1515 CE live? _____
In what era did a person living in 2050 BCE live? _____
How about you? In what era do you live? _____
Which era has been the longest? _____
- 5) Read the bullets in each of the boxes. What seems to be the biggest difference or change between the Era of Foragers and the Agrarian Era?

