

The Beginning of the Human Story

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I. Introduction. Overview of the Humanities Program, Humanities 124, and the Humanities 124 lecture series

II. Development of Early Civilizations

A. Prehistory

B. Early Human History: survival and adaptations

III. Three human responses

A. Strategems for physical survival

B. Economic, Social, and Political institutions

C. Cultural and intellectual resources

IV. The case of Mesopotamia

V. Considerations of the past

A. What evidence remains?

B. What can we infer from that evidence?