

LOST WORLDS \* AN 1100

*You have two options of topics on which to write your paper this term.*

*Paper Option #1: Agricultural Origins*

*Due: October 15, 2007*

You may choose either this topic, in which case the paper is due next week Monday, October 15, or you may choose to write a paper later on the origins of complex societies (that will be due December 3). The paper will be worth 5% of your grade and should be 5 pages double-spaced, printed out, and turned in during class time on the day it is due.

**How was the emergence of agriculture in the Near East different from the process in Mesoamerica? Discuss the similarities and differences between the two areas in the crops and animals used, how they were modified to be domesticated, the rate at which the change happened, if people became sedentary before or after they started farming, etc. Discuss both the plant and animal species involved. You should be able to write this using just your textbook and lecture notes.**

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