Cause and Effect

Causes

Neolithic people learn to farm. Hunters and gatherers settle into farming communities. Some farmers settle in river valleys, where the soil is very fertile. New technologies improve farming. Food surpluses support growing populations. The first cities are built in fertile valleys.

Rise of River Valley Civilizations

Effects

- . Complex forms of government develop.
- Arts become more elaborate.
- Job specialization leads to social classes.
- People invent writing.
- · Early civilizations conquer neighboring lands.

Connections to Today

- Archaeologists continue to discover rich stores of information about Neolithic people and early civilizations.
- In the modern day, people continue to live along rivers, in both villages and large cities.

One effect of the growth of civilizations was —

- A farmers settled in river valleys.
- B complex governments were created.
- C more cities were built in fertile valleys.
- D an increased number of people became farmers.

2. Which of the following led to food surpluses?

- A People began to write and communicate.
- B Archaeologists studied early civilizations.
- New farming methods were developed.
- D More humans favored a nomadic culture.