Task: Using the documents posted around the room, your notes from class, and the stone tool exhibits that we made; write a short essay answering the following question about the impact of the Neolithic Revolution. *The answers that you record using the documents around the room will help you write the essay.*

ESSAY PROMPT
- Describe the change experienced from the Paleolithic era to the Neolithic era.
- Discuss how this change influenced the development of early civilizations.

Be sure to keep these general definitions in mind:
a) *describe* means “to make plain or understandable; to give reasons for or causes of”
b) *discuss* means “to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail”

Organizing your essay
1. **RESTATE** – Restate the question in the form of a topic sentence.
2. **ANSWER** – Answer ALL parts of the question.
3. **CITE** – Cite examples from the documents/texts that support your answer. (at least 3 documents)
4. **EXPLAIN** – Explain how the evidence supports the answer and/or connects to another document/text.

Historical Context: One of the most important turning points in human history was the change that occurred during the Neolithic Revolution. This shift from the Paleolithic Era to the Neolithic Era changed the course of the human race. The six stations around the room will each share additional information about specific changes that occurred during this era.
Stations

1. Based on this map, identify one geographic feature (one of the 5 themes of geography) that influenced the location of early centers of civilization. Why do you think that this feature was important for influencing early human civilizations?

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2. Using the timeline identify when crops first began to be cultivated (grown) in the Middle East. Identify one other event and date from this timeline that relates to human improvements to agriculture (farming).

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3. How did anthropologists come up with the name “Neolithic”? What is one important result of the Neolithic Revolution?

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4. What is one impact of the Neolithic Revolution on the way people lived?

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5. According to the comic, what are three ways that life changed for humans during the Neolithic Revolution?

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6. Compare and contrast two stone age tools from different eras. How are these tools similar? In what ways are the different?

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