

Social Science

(History)(Chapter - 2) (From Hunting - Gathering to Growing Food)
(Class - VI)

Exercises

Imagine

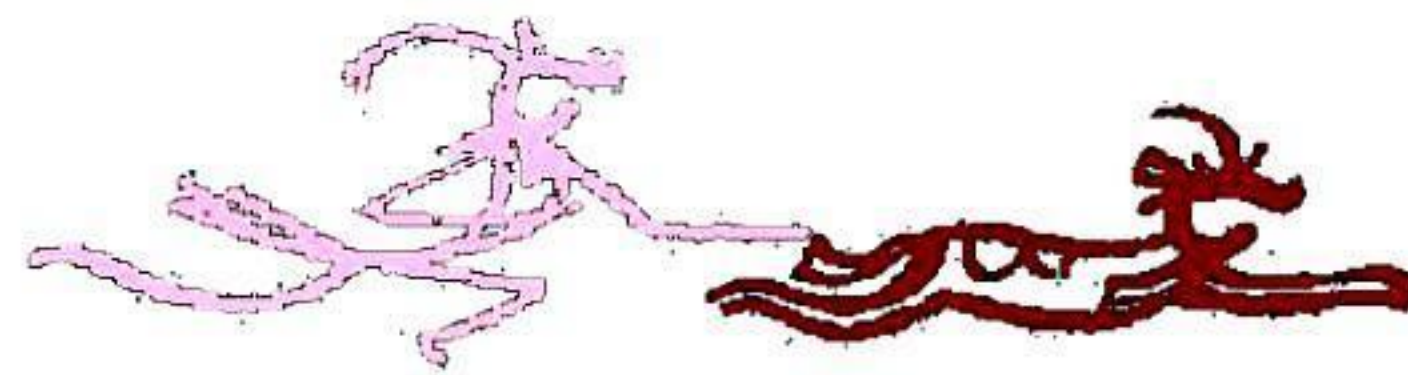
You live in a rock shelter like the one shown on page14 about 12,000 years ago. Your uncle is painting one of the inner walls of the cave and you want to help him. Will you mix the colours, draw the lines, fill in the colours? What are the stories he might tell you?

Answer:

Picture shown on page14:



I would like to fill colours:



Let's recall

Question 1:

Complete the sentences:

(a) Hunter-gatherers chose to live in caves and rock shelters because _____.

(b) Grasslands developed around _____ years ago.

Answer 1:

(a) Hunter-gatherers chose to live in caves and rock shelters because *they provided shelter from rain, heat and wind.*

(b) Grasslands developed around *12000* years ago.

Question 2:

Why do people who grow crops have to stay in the same place for a long time?

Answer 2:

People who grow crops have to stay in the same place for a long time to look after the plants, watering, weeding, driving away animals and birds — till the grain ripened.

Question 3:

Why do archaeologists think that many people who lived in Mehrgarh were hunters to start with and that herding became more important later?

Answer 3:

At Mehrgarh many animal bones were found. Bones of not only wild animals such as the deer and pig but also bones of sheep and goat were found. That is why, archaeologists think that many people who lived in Mehrgarh were hunters to start with and that herding became more important later.

Let's discuss

Question 4:

Why did the hunter-gatherers travel from place to place? In what ways are these similar to/different from the reasons for which we travel today?

Answer 4:

Hunter- gatherers travelled from one place to another in search of food. When food at one place is exhausted then they travel to another place where they can find the food. Now a days, people travel not for food but for other reasons such as:

- they like travelling
- they want to explore new places
- they travel to meet relatives and friends

Question 5:

List three ways in which hunter-gatherers used fire (see page15). Would you use fire for any of these purposes today?

Answer 5:

Earlier hunter gatherers used fire for:

- Cooking
- Clearing of forests
- Saving from wild animals

Yes, we do use fire for cooking.

Question 6:

List three ways in which the lives of farmers and herders would have been different from that of hunter-gatherers.

Answer 6:

Three main difference between farmers-herders and hunter-gatherers are as follows:

- Farmer-herders man lived in one place for a long time while the hunter-gatherers used to stay in one place for very little time.
- Farmers- herders used to cultivate their livelihood and raise animals while the hunter-gatherers were dependent on weather-friendly natural resources and hunting.
- Farmers-herders used to make huts for their living while the hunter-gatherers lived in caves and tubers.

Let's do

Question 7:

List the cereals that you eat. Do you grow the cereals you eat? If yes, draw a chart to show the stages in growing them. If not, draw a chart to show how these cereals reach you from the farmers who grow them.

Answer 7:

Do this question as per your choice.