World History Ms. Twomey

Summer Reading: *History of the World in 6 Glasses*

Chapter 1: A Stone Age Brew

1. What are cereal grains and what food and drink was produced from them?
2. How do we know about the earliest occurrence of beer drinking?
3. How does one make wild grains edible?
4. What is an additional reason why cereal grains are a good source of sustenance?
5. What archeological evidence is there to support the harvesting, transporting, storing, and processing of cereal grains?
6. Explain 2 discoveries early farmers made about cereal grains?
7. Bread was solid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and beer was liquid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Ancient civilizations believed that beer was a gift from who? Therefore how should one be thankful?
9. Food surpluses created by better farming, allowed what to emerge?
10. What 3 reasons are given for the switch to farming?
11. Why would beer be safer to drink than water?
12. Explain how storehouses and temples became intertwined.

Chapter 2: Civilized Beer

1. The “Land between 2 rivers” is what? What are the rivers?
2. Surplus grain allowed the possibility of what things?
3. What was the basis of the local diet of Egypt & Mesopotamia?
4. Why is Sumer important to the history of mankind?
5. How did food & drink play a part in Ancient religions?
6. How did writing help the Sumerian society?
7. Our modern Latin alphabet can be traced back to what 2 ancient civilizations?
8. Why was wheat in its 2 forms important to Mesopotamia and Egypt?
9. What are some ways beer was used as a medicine?
10. How was beer used in Egyptian burials?