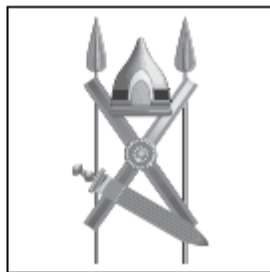




TASK AND FATE FACTS GENERAL

Study the Task and Fate Facts for your role each day. The facts will give your clan members information to help complete Tasks and make decisions when confronted by Fate. Be prepared at all times to contribute what you know to help your clan.



Nomads Settle Down

Human society changed when people stopped being nomadic hunter-gatherers. When people began farming they produced more food than they needed. For the first time in history, people did not spend all of their time searching for food. They began to specialize in other types of jobs.

Job Specialization

Some people became construction workers and bricklayers. They built homes, shops, palaces, and temples. Some people became skilled artisans. They made pottery, jewelry, clothing, weapons, and tools. Some people became merchants. They set up markets to buy and sell food and other goods. As the people became wealthy, they could enrich their lives. They hired artists to bring beauty and style to homes and buildings. They hired singers and storytellers to entertain. These specialized jobs contributed to the development of civilization.

Social Classes

Job specialization changed the way people viewed one another. People began to rank others based on the jobs they performed. These rankings led to the first social classes in human history. The ruling family was at the top of the social class rankings. Important government and religious leaders ranked near the top. Skilled professionals, merchants, and artisans in the cities ranked next. Below these classes were lesser government and religious workers. Jobs in construction, defense, or entertainment usually ranked lower than the professional classes. The vast majority of workers in ancient times were peasants. Most peasants were farmers who lived outside the city walls. Though their work was essential, they were ranked below those who performed specialized jobs in the city.

Slavery

Most ancient civilizations practiced slavery. Sometimes people became slaves because they could not pay off debts. If they could somehow pay their debt, they could regain their freedom. People who became slaves because of war were less fortunate.



They were usually slaves for as long as they lived. Slaves were at the bottom of the social ranking. They did back-breaking, menial work for the society that captured them. They performed the most difficult and dangerous jobs.