**The Neolithic Revolution**

1. The Neolithic Revolution was a turning point in history when people shifted from being hunters and gatherers to establishing farming techniques.

**Comparing the Paleolithic Age and Neolithic Revolution**

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|  | Paleolithic Age | Neolithic Revolution |
| Food | People hunted and gathered food | People domesticated plants and animals (farming) |
| Tools | Crude stone tools, fire | Polished stone tools |
| Where did they settle? | Nomadic- never settled in one area too long | Settled around river valleys where land was flat and water was plentiful |
| Types of communities | Small tribes or clans | Established permanent settlements=cities, laws, government, writing |
| World Populations | Very small | Surplus of food leads to population explosion |
| Social Classes/Gender Equality | Everyone is equal | Job specialization begins, some people become more important in society. |