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**Guns, Germs, and Steel – Episode 1**

*Viewing Guide*

1. Who is **Jared Diamond**? What does he do?
2. What **questions** does he want to answer?
3. What question does **Yali** ask Jared Diamond?
4. How does Jared Diamond **rephrase** Yali’s question?
5. Why does Professor Diamond believe that **Papua New Guineans are highly intelligent**?
6. What do all **great (powerful) civilizations** have in common?
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1. How long have people been **farming** in Papua New Guinea?
2. Why are the types of **crops** available in a region so important?
3. **How many** kinds of animals have been domesticated?
4. What **kinds of animals** are best **domesticated**?
5. How were people in the **Fertile Crescent** given an advantage in building a civilization?
6. What are **specialists**? Give examples.
7. Why are **specialists** so important?
8. What is a **surplus**? Why is it so important?
9. Why does Diamond say that **Papua New Guineans** did not develop technology?
10. What eventually happened to the **environment in the Fertile Crescent**? How did **humans** react to this?
11. What is the **East/West Axis**? Why is it so important?