

I think hunter-gathers should have stayed with nature and not be parted from it and join agriculture. Many thoughts and sources have helped me build my claim and have reasons to support it. These reasons and thoughts are because of domestication, diseases, and civilization/why things came to be. All of these reasons are going to help prove agriculture was a bad change.

My first reason is domestication. Domestication was one of the causes to the first pandemic, states a video about early civilization. The video it talks about animals being brought over and being discovered which the animals later caused popular diseases. Another source is SQ3 source C. SQ1 source C shows and proves that pandemics and domestication happened at about the same time. This source is making me think and is showing that new animals brought and spread diseases that could have been prevented. Another thought about domestication is new animals and animals in general required tons of work and the same

amount of attention and resources to survive. Animals are not any better than babies or adults. Domestication was also bad because it was an unreliable food source. An example is if there was limited water and then a drought happens there is not enough water for the crops and animals; so they both end up dying. Therefore domestication was one reason why I think agriculture is bad.

My second reason is diseases (which relates to domestication). As I said in my first reason, the new animals and domestication helped spread new diseases. On SQL source C it shows a graph of population and death rates; on the graph it says the caption, "Rise of infectious diseases," and the graph shows the population dropping because of diseases. To sum up the graph disease decreased the population, spread (grew), and caused many deaths. Another thing about diseases is we did not have the medicine to treat the new sickness. From



my common knowledge I know we did not have the research to know what was useful and what was not. So, because of this, again, death rates rose. One of the only good things about diseases related to hunter-gatherers is we started to learn about what helped illness. Therefore disease is another reason why agriculture is bad.

My final reason for agriculture being bad is the way things are now / civilization. In source B, it shows a Paleolithic house and a Neolithic house. From the pictures/photos I see that in the Paleolithic photo there is more nature, more natural; while Neolithic style homes look more modern. What I am thinking is if we used nature and took care of it there would be no more pollution or global warming. Another thought is from my own knowledge, humans were starting to take up more land and waste it rather than moving; actually caring about nature. My other thought is

people's characteristics started to change, such as in the video it said and talked about height changing and muscles changing, because of the difference, survival vs. lazy. Therefore, today we could have better health and bodies if we stuck with hunter-gathering. This reason helps prove agriculture was a bad change.

Beginning to develop a counter-claim

Even though I said and I think agriculture wasn't good, there are some outcomes that are good; such as in SQ2 it talks about money and words starting to develop, which I will say was a good impact. Another source is SQ1 talks about tools and improvement of tools which I will say is another good impact. Therefore agriculture was mainly bad.

after considering other perspectives.

! All of the reasons, thoughts, and sources added up, helping me prove that agriculture was mainly bad. Domestication, disease, and civilizations/why things came to be helps also prove this claim. Therefore agriculture was mainly bad.