

Hunter-Gatherers: Answer Key

Step 1: Passage Questions and Answers

1. Answers will vary. Sample answer: The main reason today's groups survive is because they have little contact with the modern world. This allows them to maintain their way of life without modern-day influences, like pollution from factories.
2. Answers will vary. Sample answer: Migration was necessary to the survival of hunter and gatherers. They moved from place to place in order to find the food they needed to survive. It was also important for these groups to migrate because of the climate and navigating extremely cold temperatures.
3. Answers will vary. Sample answer: The number of people in a group had to be controlled because there would only be so much food available. If there were too many people living off one area of land, not everyone would be able to eat.
4. Answers will vary. Sample answer: The ability to control fire allowed hunter-gatherer groups to cook food and have access to heat and light.
5. Answers will vary. Sample answer: Tools and weapons helped hunter-gatherers hunt and create shelter. The traps and spears they developed allowed them to kill more of their prey and gather more food. With more food to eat and better places to live, their population could grow.

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Step 2: Report Card

It is important to note that these answers are open ended. Below are suggested answers students could provide.

Subject	Description of Subject	Grade Given	Comments
Society	Worked together to find food and shelter so that everyone could eat. Generations lived together and shared responsibilities.	A - B	Developed use of fire to perform new ways of cooking; created tools to help hunt and gather food
Travel	Traveled long distances as needed to provide food and other needs for groups.	A	Traveled thousands of miles to find better sources of food to grow their communities.
Innovation	Created new tools or ways of performing a task to improve life in the community.	A	Developed use of fire to perform new ways of cooking; created tools to help hunt and gather food; had separate tasks for members of the community so that they were efficient.
Gender Equality	Treated both men and women similarly and gave them similar, meaningful tasks.	B	Hunter gatherers had men and women perform different but equally important tasks. Men would hunt for food while women gathered fruits and vegetables and took care of children.
Entertainment	Developed ways to have fun and enjoy spending time with people in the community.	D	The use of fire allowed for the community to stay up later and gather but there is not a lot of evidence, based on the sources, suggesting they developed forms of entertainment.