

The following are a series of questions designed to guide a student's reading of *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* (Tom Standage). Students are not required to answer these questions in a formal or written response. However, making notes concerning these questions could help in coming to a more complete and complex understanding of the assigned portions of the text.

Chapter 1: A Stone Aged Brew

- How is the development of beer in the Fertile Crescent a demonstration of the Neolithic Revolution? How did the storage of grain have an impact on hunter-gatherer societies?

Chapter 2: Civilized Beer

- How was beer used in the Ancient Mesopotamian and Egyptian civilizations? How does it play a role in religion? Economics?
- Beer was so important that it found its way into early writing. Why do you think the symbol for beer becomes more abstract over time?

Chapter 3: The Delight of Wine

- What was the Ancient Greek Symposium? What role did wine play in it?
- According to the text, what was the purpose of mixing water and wine?

Chapter 4: The Imperial Vine

- Describe the importance of wine to the Ancient Romans? Who consumed wine? Why? What role did it play in economics?
- According to the text, why do Christians consume wine but Muslims do not?