

# Before Our Nation Began



## Textbook Answer Key

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## Unit One Answers

### Chapter 1

#### Check Your Knowledge (p. 16)

1. 4000 years before the birth of Christ /6000yearsago
2. From the Bible
3. Adam and Eve had to leave Paradise. Work was difficult, tiring and “earned by the sweat of their brow.” Sorrow, sickness and death came into the world. They lost sanctifying grace and lost the right to inherit heaven
4. To send a Redeemer to reopen the gates of Heaven
5. Intelligence, free will, our souls will never die, by serving God faithfully we can go to Heaven
6. To destroy the wicked people for forgetting their duties towards God and living only for wicked pleasures

#### Check Your Knowledge (p. 19)

1. Asia, Europe, Africa
2. They began to speak in many languages and could not understand one another.
3. These people did not know how to make things out of metal; they made their tools and weapons out of stone.
4. Build houses, live in families and make a living in other ways than hunting
5. They moved to faraway places, forgot what they had learned about God or did not know about the true God.

#### Chapter Review (p. 20)

##### What Am I?

1. Intelligence
2. Soul
3. Sin
4. Redeemer

5. Garden of Paradise
6. Deluge
7. Prehistoric
8. Civilized
9. Tribe
10. Bible

##### Who Am I?

1. Adam
2. Eve
3. Abel
4. Cain
5. Noe

##### Something to Think About.

1. No other creature could be Adam’s companion because he was the only creature with an immortal soul. He needed a helper.
2. God gave man certain gifts which were denied to other creatures of the earth. Man was given a soul that can never die (immortal) and has understanding and free will.
3. Only Noe remained faithful to God.
4. People could help each other hunt, plant crops, build homes, help each other in trouble.
5. They forgot what they had learned about God when they moved to faraway places or they did not know about the one, true God but knew that someone had created them, someone made the thunder, lightning, rain....

#### Chapter 2

##### Check Your Knowledge (p. 26)

1. Africa
2. Their writings or hieroglyphics
3. About 150 years ago, French soldiers discovered the Rosetta Stone. On the stone were three types of writing. One was the

picture writing (hieroglyphics), another was a different kind of Egyptian writing, and the third was Greek. A French scholar discovered that the stone contained the same message written three ways. Most people of the time spoke Greek and when the Greek writing was compared to the Egyptian hieroglyphics the hieroglyphics were understood.

4. To be the tombs of the Pharaohs
5. As a god
6. Merchants, shopkeepers, physicians, lawyers, builders and artisans such as weavers, blacksmiths goldsmiths, coppersmiths, glass blowers, shoemakers, and tailors
7. They were treated a little better than slaves. They were farmers who lived in the poorer sections of towns. Many of them lived in one room mud huts. Farmers and workers toiled from dawn till dusk and received very little pay.
8. 365 days
9. Wood, gold, copper, ivory, spices
10. Pyramids, irrigation system, surveying, calendar

**Check Your Knowledge (p. 30)**

1. The valley of the Two Rivers was not protected by desert and by sea as the Nile was.
2. Tigris and Euphrates
3. Many different people lived in the Valley of the Two Rivers. Different groups took turns seizing the valley and this caused many wars. Each group borrowed different ideas from other groups and built the civilization this way.
4. Wheels
5. Clay tablets

6. Bricks made from clay
7. They divided the week into seven days and the hour into sixty minutes.
8. The laws were different in each part of the kingdom and he always wanted the people to know what the laws were.
9. Assyrians
10. They were one of the first known peoples to use horses. They charged into their enemies using horse drawn chariots.

**Check Your Knowledge (p. 31)**

1. Lydians
2. The weight of the silver was stamped on each coin so the coins no longer had to be weighed.
3. Medes and Persians
4. Assyria, Lydia, Babylonia, and Egypt
5. They built roads.

**Check Your Knowledge (p. 33)**

1. Syria was a fertile region in which people could travel between Egypt and the Valley of the Two Rivers without having to go through the Arabian Desert.
2. Mediterranean Sea
3. There was not much land for farming and they lived in the North of Syria near the Mediterranean Sea.
4. They bought things that had been made in Egypt and Babylonia and sold them to less civilized people and they taught less civilized people how things were done in Babylonia, Egypt and Phoenicia (e.g. how to build houses instead of huts, taught the alphabet of twenty-two letters).