Early Neolithic

- Village farmers
  - Stone foundations + mud bricks
  - Piles up!
  - Settlement mound = “tell”
  - Some sites 8x larger than Natufian
  - Communal effort
- Jericho

Jericho

- Pre-pottery Neolithic
  - 10,500 - 7000 bp
  - Tell
  - Circular houses
  - Tower & wall

Tower of Jericho

- 7300 BC
- Early Neolithic Defense?
- Flood control

Jericho faunal remains

7500 BC: settlement shift

‘Ain Ghazal

Gazelle
Sheep/Goat
Other
‘Ain Ghazal
- Hunting & herding
- Cultivating & gathering
- Importing materials: 150 miles

‘Ain Ghazal, Jordan
- Pre-pottery Neolithic village
  - 9000-8000 bp (7000-6000 BC)
  - Houses on artificial terraces (30 acres)
  - Remodeling
    - Post holes
    - Support roof beams
    - Stone walls plastered

‘Ain Ghazal figurines

Early Neolithic City
- Catal Huyuk
  - Turkey
  - 9000-7500 bp
  - Tell = mound

- Reader
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Catal Huyuk
- Mud-brick houses
- City?
  - Dense, intensive occupation

Complex!
- Repeated episodes
  - Building
  - Living
  - Garbage
  - Sweeping
  - Rebuilding
Neolithic Economy

- sickles
- stables

Anatolian obsidian

- Trading center?

Caches

Community

- Ancestors? Goddess?
- Houses or shrines?
- City or Village?
No specialists

■ “City”
  – division of labor
  – Farmers in hinterland
  – Central plan

■ Catal Huyuk
  – Mixed economy
  – Autonomous households
  – No public architecture
  – No centralization