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RETHINKING CIVILIZATION

Traditionally, it has been widely assumed that the development of urban agriculture-based civilizations controlled by states was a positive development, and that this form of social order is superior to other less complex social orders. However, some historians are challenging this assumption and argued just the opposite. Based on the video "Rethinking Civilization" by John Green:

a) Identify & Explain **2** significant arguments in support of "civilization" citing specific examples.
b) Identify & Explain **2** significant arguments in opposition to "civilization" citing specific examples.
c) Explain & Justify your own personal view based on the evidence presented.

Make sure that your two arguments are not the same argument repeated in slightly different terms. While you should write in paragraph form, please indicate which part of the task you are addressing by writing A1, A2, B1, B2, and C in parentheses or a circle at the beginning of each argument.

VOCABULARY CLARIFIED

State: a government, or the territory under the control of that government
Coercion: persuasion by force or threat
Sedentary: settled
Patriarchy: male-dominated gender inequality
Asylum: safety, refuge
Refugees: people seeking refuge from some danger
Epidemic: widely-spread
Doritos: tasty but ultimately unhealthy snack food (Nacho Cheese is better than Cool Ranch)
Oppression: mistreatment, persecution

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