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Following the Agricultural Revolution (the shift from hunting & gathering to growing food), **FOUR ANCIENT RIVER VALLEY CIVILIZATIONS** emerged

All were  
Developed between  
3500 BC and 500 BC

Egyptian  
Civilization -  
(Africa)

Mesopotamian  
Civilization -  
(Southwest Asia)

Indian  
Civilization -  
(South Asia)

Chinese  
Civilization -  
(East Asia)

All were  
Developed around  
rivers.

Nile River

Tigris &  
Euphrates  
Rivers

Indus River

Huang He  
(Yellow) River

Characteristics of Ancient River valley civilizations:  
Fertile soil, settled/permanent communities, and surplus food. They were  
also in locations that were easy to defend against invasion.