Was farming an improvement over foraging?

COMPARISON - As you read, take notes from each document based on the question above. What claims does each other make in regards to the agricultural transition? When you are done reading, discuss as a group and look for additional notes you can add before writing your thesis.

William Howells “Back of History (Man in the Beginning)”

Jared Diamond “The Worst Mistake in Human History?”

Reminders about thesis statements:
- A thesis tells the reader how the author will interpret the significance of the subject matter under discussion.
- A thesis statement is a road map for the paper; in other words, it tells the reader what to expect from the rest of the paper.
- A thesis statement directly answers the question asked. A thesis is an interpretation of a questions or subject, not the subject itself.
- A thesis statement makes a claim that others might dispute.
- A thesis statement is USUALLY a single sentence somewhere in your first paragraph that presents your argument to the reader. The rest of the paper, the body of the essay, gathers and organizes evidence that will persuade the reader of the logic of your interpretation.

Now write your own thesis based on the following prompt:
“Based on the documents provided, was farming an improvement over foraging?”

Finally, what questions, concerns, or comments (positive or negative) do you have about this course up to this point? This feedback will help me as we move forward. Use the back if you need more space.