SAQ Style 1: 
Secondary Source Analysis

Exercise A 
Read the stimulus and prompt below, read the provided response for Part A, then write the responses for B and C.

"The rise of Neolithic agriculture is unquestionably one of the most important events in human history. Agriculture, or food production as archaeologists call it, appeared in and spread from many different regions of the world between 10,000 and 5000 years ago. The transition to agriculture, which led to the rise of civilization and the procurement of material wealth beyond the wildest dreams of the Neolithic hunter and gatherer, has rightfully gained the title, the Neolithic Revolution."

Jacob L. Weisdorf (Institute of Economics, University of Copenhagen), From foraging to Farming: Explaining the Neolithic Revolution

A. Describe one historically specific example of the effects of the transition to agriculture that would support the author's argument.

Response: One piece of historical evidence that would support Weisdorf's argument about the importance of the Neolithic Revolution is the emergence of complex social hierarchies. The surplus of food due to the development of agriculture increased the population size, allowing for the specialization of labor, which resulted in the formation of a highly-stratified society based on occupation. For example, in the settlement of Catal Huyuk there is evidence of manufactured pots, jewelry, wood carvings, and stone tools which suggests that some of the residents produced goods other than food.

[This answer responds to the prompt, provides specific historical evidence, and offers a complete explanation in complete sentences.]
B. Describe ANOTHER historically specific example of the effects of the transition to agriculture that would support the author's argument.

____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

C. Explain an important advancement other than the transition to agriculture that changed human history before 600 B.C.E.

____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________