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THE FLINTSTONES

Flintstones. Meet the Flintstones. They're a modern Stone Age family.

From the town of Bedrock, they're a page right out of history.

Let's ride with the family down the street.

Through the courtesy of Fred's two feet.

When you're with the Flintstones you'll have a yabba dabba doo time. A dabba doo time.

You'll have a gay old time.



Directions: Watch the Flintstones episode entitled "The Pie King." As you watch the episode watch for certain characteristics that indicate why the Flintstones might be living in the Neolithic Era or the New Stone Age. These characteristics might include things like Social Class, Trade, Public Buildings, Government, and Specialization. When we are done watching the episode answer the questions about the show on the next page.

Use the song lyrics to answer the first three questions.

1. Villages are a part of the New Stone Age. What song lyrics indicate that the Flintstones lived in a village of some sort? Write them below.
2. The opening song refers to the Flintstones as "the modern stone age family." Which Stone Age is the more modern one, the Neolithic or the Paleolithic Era? Why?
3. In the Old Stone Age what would flint stones be used to create? Is this creation a product of the New or Old Stone Age?
4. Throughout this episode there is much evidence of specialization. What two jobs does Fred specialize in? What two jobs does Wilma specialize in? What other evidence in the episode is there of specialization?
 - a. Fred:
 - b. Wilma:
 - c. Other specialized trades:
5. This episode provides much evidence of trading and exchanges of goods and services. What goods and services are traded in this particular episode? Does the trading of goods and services help or hurt Fred?

6. Elements of social class are also seen throughout the episode. Remember you can think of Social Class as being people of similar groups and incomes. Point out a few characters who are a member of a certain social class listed below.
 - a. The Upper Class (The people with the most money) –
 - b. The Middle Class –
 - c. The Lower Class –
7. Public buildings are also part of the New Stone Age. What public buildings do you see in this episode?
8. Government is also a part of the New Stone Age. What elements of government do you see in this episode?
Hint: Think that government means law.
9. What other evidence do you see in the “Pie King” that might lead you to believe that Flintstones live in the New Stone Age?
10. What are some things that are historically inaccurate about the cartoon?
11. Where is there a food surplus in the cartoon?
12. Why do you think the creators of the cartoon named most of the characters after stones?
13. The Flintstones have many different kinds of technologies in their show. What are some real New Stone Age technologies?
14. Fred and Barney have very interesting jobs. If you were living in a village like Catal Huyuk in the New Stone Age, what kind of job might you have?

