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## Module 3 Assignment: Human History Meal Plan (60 points)

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## Name:

(1) For each period below, create a one-day meal plan consisting of three meals containing ingredients from different human history periods, as detailed below.	
(1) Stone Age Meal Plan (10 points) First, come up with an idea for three	Stone Age Meal #1: Breakfast with wild berries, nuts, and a portion of
meals that contain only ingredients	smoked fish.
that would have been available to	Stone Age Meal #2:
humans during the Stone Age or before	Breakfast with wild berries, nuts, and a portion of
the Agricultural Revolution. Describe	smoked fish.
your meals here. Each meal should	Stone Age Meal #3:
contain <u>at least 3 ingredients</u> .	Breakfast with wild berries, nuts, and a portion of
	smoked fish.
(2) Neolithic Meal Plan (10 points)	Neolithic Meal #1:
Next, I devised an idea for three meals	Breakfast with porridge made from domesticated
that contained only ingredients	grains, honey, and milk.
available to humans thanks to the	Neolithic Meal #2:
Agricultural (Neolithic) Revolution.	Lunch with a barley and lentil stew, flatbread, and fresh
Describe your meals here. Each meal	vegetables.
should contain <u>at least 3 ingredients</u> .	Neolithic Meal #3:
	Dinner with baked fish, wheat bread, and farmed
/2) Industrial Paralytics Med Disc	vegetables. Industrial Revolution Meal #1:
(3) Industrial Revolution Meal Plan (10 points)	
Now, come up with an idea for three	Breakfast with factory-produced cereal, milk, and canned fruit.
meals that contain only ingredients	Industrial Revolution Meal #2:
that became available to humans due	Lunch with a sandwich made from processed bread,
to the Industrial Revolution, when	factory-made cheese, and sliced meats.
goods began to be produced in mass	Industrial Revolution Meal #3:
quantities in factories using machinery	Dinner with canned soup, mass-produced pasta, and
instead of in homes or small	factory-farmed chicken.
businesses. Describe your meals here.	
Each meal should contain at least 3	
ingredients.	
<ul> <li>Note that your ingredients can</li> </ul>	
be anything produced with	

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machines (e.g., chicken nuggets); they do not need to be consumed during the Industrial Revolution.

## (2) Analysis and Reflection (20 points)

Reflecting on the differences in the types of ingredients in your three meal plans above and citing 2-3 of the readings, lectures, or videos presented in Module 3, describe in your own words how large-scale transitions in the human diet throughout human history have brought about both improvements and challenges for human health.

- Please write **8-10 complete sentences.**
- Cite at least two Module 3 resources in your text.
- A bibliography is not required.

Reflecting on the ingredients across the three meal plans highlights significant dietary transitions and their health impacts. The Stone Age diet, rich in natural, unprocessed foods, provided essential nutrients and promoted robust health (Ellen, 2010). The Neolithic Revolution introduced domesticated grains and dairy, leading to more stable food supplies and new health challenges like increased carbohydrate intake. The Industrial Revolution brought mass-produced and processed foods, improving food availability and convenience but introducing health issues such as obesity and chronic diseases due to high sugar and fat content (Barrett, 1984). These transitions underscore the complex relationship between dietary practices and human health, as discussed in Module 3 resources.

<u>Formatting</u>: (5 points) Maintain the document's formatting: single-spacing and 11pt font throughout the assignment.

<u>Spelling/Grammar</u>: (5 points) 0-1 errors = 5 points, 2-3 errors = 4 points, 4-5 errors = 3 points, 6-7 errors = 2 points, 8-9 errors = 1 point, 10+ errors = 0