

Prehistoric Pottery from the Ancient Near East - Discussion themes

Wednesday May 8 – When pottery became firmly established

Akkermans, P.M.M.G., Cappers, R., Cavallo, C., Nieuwenhuysse, O.P., Nilhamn, B., & Otte, I.

2006 “Investigating the Early Pottery Neolithic of northern Syria: new evidence from Tell Sabi Abyad”, *American Journal of Archaeology* 110-1: 123-156.

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2008 “A new life for old pots. Early pottery repairs from 7th millennium Tell Sabi Abyad (northern Syria), *Leiden Journal of Pottery Studies* 24: 159-170.

Read the two pieces of literature, especially Akkermans et al. 2006. With a beer (perhaps two), try to answer in a few words the easy question: Why did pottery become part of daily life in the 7th millennium in the ancient Near East?

Make sure your answers reach me latest Thursday evening. We shall discuss these issues with the group on Friday.