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these questions and others through cross-cultural comparisons,
archaeological data, and ethnographic insights. "--
