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What Pottery Reveals About Societal Transformations

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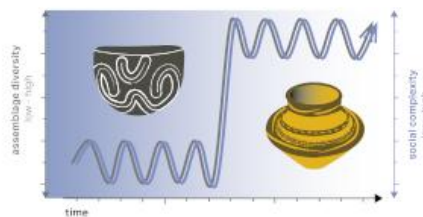


Image 1

Societal dynamics may be reflected in ceramic styles: changes in decoration diversity and shapes are linked to changes in societal complexity.

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Image 2

Decoration motifs on ceramic vessels can provide valuable insights into social dynamics. Vessel from the Linear Pottery Culture, from the Flomborn cemetery in Rhenish Hesse, dating to circa 5,200 BC.

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Image 3

This fully preserved vessel, decorated in the style of the south-eastern European Western Trypillia Culture and dating to around 3,700 BC, was discovered during excavations at Talianky in Ukraine, one of the largest known settlements of the Neolithic (excavations by Volodymyr Kruts and Oleksiy Korvin-Piotrovskiy).

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