

UNIT 1 VOCABULARY: THE DEVELOPMENT OF CIVILIZATIONS

Tier 2 - Everyday words to know	Tier 3 - Words specific to this unit
Domesticate - to tame; to change a wild plant or animal so it can be grown or raised by humans	Nomadic - living like a nomad; moving from place to place in search of food and resources
Settlements - places where people start a new place to live where others have not before	Hunting and Gathering - the act of getting one's food by hunting for it and collecting wild fruit, vegetables, and nuts
Revolution - a very great change from things in the past (political, economic, or social)	Paleolithic - having to do with the Paleolithic Period, or Old Stone Age, the time period from 2 million B.C.E. to about 10,000 B.C.E., characterized by the use of stone tools
Sedentary - living in a fixed location; not nomadic	Nomad - a person who lives a nomadic lifestyle, moving from place to another following food sources
Agriculture - farming	Irrigation - the act of supplying water to land or crops
Crops - plants grown on a farm	Cultural Diffusion - the exchange of culture between at least two groups of people
River Valley - the area of low land nearby and parallel to a river	Collective Learning - the process that people use to share cultural information with one another that makes it possible for them to pass knowledge from a previous generation on to the next generation.
Fertile - able to produce farm crops or other plant life	Neolithic - having to do with the Neolithic Period, or New Stone Age, the time period from about 8,000 B.C.E. to about 3,500 B.C.E., characterized by the beginnings of farming
Culture - the language, ideas, inventions, and art of a particular group of people	Subsistence Agriculture - the style of farming in which one produced just enough food to live on, not extra to trade or sell
Social Classes - groupings of people in a society based usually on wealth, religion, ethnicity, or other factors	Code of Hammurabi - a law code enacted by Hammurabi, the king of Babylonia around 1772 B.C.E.
Reliable - capable of being trusted or useful	Civilization - an advanced state of development of a society as judged by such things as having a system of government and laws, using a written language, and keeping written records
Urban - relating to a city	Fertile Crescent - the area of land between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in the Middle East, also known as Mesopotamia, where the first human civilizations emerged
Adapt - to change, or become better adjusted to new	

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