

# Unit 1: Origins of Cultures & Civilizations

## Chapter 1 – The Development of Human Societies

anthropologist \_\_\_\_\_

archaeologist \_\_\_\_\_

artifact \_\_\_\_\_

culture \_\_\_\_\_

drought \_\_\_\_\_

fossil \_\_\_\_\_

land bridge \_\_\_\_\_

megafauna \_\_\_\_\_

migration \_\_\_\_\_

oasis \_\_\_\_\_

technology \_\_\_\_\_

agriculture \_\_\_\_\_

domestication \_\_\_\_\_

fertile \_\_\_\_\_

hunter-gatherer \_\_\_\_\_

nomad \_\_\_\_\_

oral history \_\_\_\_\_

primary source \_\_\_\_\_

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secondary source \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter 2 – Origins of Civilization

clan \_\_\_\_\_

cultural diffusion \_\_\_\_\_

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cultural hearth \_\_\_\_\_

maize \_\_\_\_\_

matrilineal \_\_\_\_\_

metallurgy \_\_\_\_\_

staple \_\_\_\_\_

surplus \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_

civilization \_\_\_\_\_

government \_\_\_\_\_

record keeping \_\_\_\_\_

religion \_\_\_\_\_

scribe \_\_\_\_\_

specialized worker \_\_\_\_\_

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temple \_\_\_\_\_

trade \_\_\_\_\_

## Unit 2: Early Civilizations

### Chapter 3 – Ancient Mesopotamia

artisan \_\_\_\_\_

city-state \_\_\_\_\_  
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cuneiform \_\_\_\_\_

empire \_\_\_\_\_

famine \_\_\_\_\_

irrigation \_\_\_\_\_

polytheism \_\_\_\_\_

ritual \_\_\_\_\_

silt \_\_\_\_\_

social class \_\_\_\_\_

tribute \_\_\_\_\_

ziggurat \_\_\_\_\_

alliance \_\_\_\_\_

colony \_\_\_\_\_

legacy \_\_\_\_\_

province \_\_\_\_\_

raw material \_\_\_\_\_

satrap \_\_\_\_\_

tolerance \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 4 – Ancient Egypt

cataract \_\_\_\_\_

delta \_\_\_\_\_

dynasty \_\_\_\_\_

pharaoh \_\_\_\_\_

vizier \_\_\_\_\_

hierarchy \_\_\_\_\_

mummy \_\_\_\_\_

pyramid \_\_\_\_\_

barter \_\_\_\_\_

hieroglyph \_\_\_\_\_

papyrus \_\_\_\_\_

scribe \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 5 – Judaism and the Israelite Kingdoms

confederation \_\_\_\_\_

covenant \_\_\_\_\_

kosher \_\_\_\_\_

monotheism \_\_\_\_\_

rabbi \_\_\_\_\_

synagogue \_\_\_\_\_

tribe \_\_\_\_\_

exile \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 6 – Ancient India**

caste system \_\_\_\_\_

dharma \_\_\_\_\_

epic poem \_\_\_\_\_

karma \_\_\_\_\_

monsoon \_\_\_\_\_

nirvana \_\_\_\_\_

planned city \_\_\_\_\_

reincarnation \_\_\_\_\_

subcontinent \_\_\_\_\_

yoga \_\_\_\_\_

golden age \_\_\_\_\_

inoculation \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 7– Ancient China**

dynastic cycle \_\_\_\_\_

dynasty \_\_\_\_\_

filial piety \_\_\_\_\_

isolate \_\_\_\_\_

oracle bone \_\_\_\_\_

bureaucracy \_\_\_\_\_

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emperor \_\_\_\_\_

peasant \_\_\_\_\_

silk \_\_\_\_\_

terra cotta \_\_\_\_\_

barter \_\_\_\_\_

caravan \_\_\_\_\_

cultural diffusion \_\_\_\_\_

maritime \_\_\_\_\_

## **Unit 3: Greek Civilization**

### **Chapter 8 – Ancient Greece**

acropolis \_\_\_\_\_

agora \_\_\_\_\_

aristocracy \_\_\_\_\_

epic poem \_\_\_\_\_

hero \_\_\_\_\_

labyrinth \_\_\_\_\_

monarchy \_\_\_\_\_

myth \_\_\_\_\_

oligarchy \_\_\_\_\_

polis \_\_\_\_\_

raw material \_\_\_\_\_

tyrant \_\_\_\_\_

alliance \_\_\_\_\_

democracy \_\_\_\_\_

helot \_\_\_\_\_

trireme \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 9 – Classical Greece

direct democracy \_\_\_\_\_

golden age \_\_\_\_\_

immortal \_\_\_\_\_

mythology \_\_\_\_\_

plague \_\_\_\_\_

siege \_\_\_\_\_

truce \_\_\_\_\_

catapult \_\_\_\_\_

cosmopolitan \_\_\_\_\_

Hellenistic \_\_\_\_\_

phalanx \_\_\_\_\_

comedy \_\_\_\_\_

jury \_\_\_\_\_

philosophy \_\_\_\_\_

representative democracy \_\_\_\_\_

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tragedy \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Unit 4: The World of the Romans**

### **Chapter 10 – The Roman Republic**

consul \_\_\_\_\_

dictator \_\_\_\_\_

legend \_\_\_\_\_

patrician \_\_\_\_\_

peninsula \_\_\_\_\_

plebeian \_\_\_\_\_

republic \_\_\_\_\_

tribune \_\_\_\_\_

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veto \_\_\_\_\_

aristocracy \_\_\_\_\_

pantheon \_\_\_\_\_

patriarchy \_\_\_\_\_

legionary \_\_\_\_\_

province \_\_\_\_\_

civil war \_\_\_\_\_

reform \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 11 – The Roman Empire and Christianity

aqueduct \_\_\_\_\_

arch \_\_\_\_\_

emperor \_\_\_\_\_

fresco \_\_\_\_\_

gladiator \_\_\_\_\_

mosaic \_\_\_\_\_

catacomb \_\_\_\_\_

epistle \_\_\_\_\_

missionary \_\_\_\_\_

parable \_\_\_\_\_

pope \_\_\_\_\_

barbarian \_\_\_\_\_

tetrarchy \_\_\_\_\_

bas-relief \_\_\_\_\_

oratory \_\_\_\_\_

## **Unit 5: Byzantine and Islamic Civilizations**

### **Chapter 12 – The Byzantine Empire**

crossroads \_\_\_\_\_

diversity \_\_\_\_\_

divine \_\_\_\_\_

heresy \_\_\_\_\_

creed \_\_\_\_\_

excommunicate \_\_\_\_\_

icon \_\_\_\_\_

patriarch \_\_\_\_\_

schism \_\_\_\_\_

### **Chapter 13 – The Islamic World**

caliph \_\_\_\_\_

clan \_\_\_\_\_

imam \_\_\_\_\_

mosque \_\_\_\_\_

oasis \_\_\_\_\_

pilgrimage \_\_\_\_\_

prophet \_\_\_\_\_

shari'a \_\_\_\_\_

bureaucracy \_\_\_\_\_

janissary \_\_\_\_\_

mercenary \_\_\_\_\_

shah \_\_\_\_\_

sultan \_\_\_\_\_

tolerance \_\_\_\_\_

arabesque \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

calligraphy \_\_\_\_\_

medieval \_\_\_\_\_

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minaret \_\_\_\_\_

## **Unit 6: African Civilizations**

### **Chapter 14 – North and West Africa**

caravan \_\_\_\_\_

commodity \_\_\_\_\_

desertification \_\_\_\_\_

savanna \_\_\_\_\_

scarcity \_\_\_\_\_

trans-Saharan \_\_\_\_\_

griot \_\_\_\_\_

iron \_\_\_\_\_

mansa \_\_\_\_\_

oral tradition \_\_\_\_\_

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terra cotta \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 15 – East, Central, and Southern Africa

city-state \_\_\_\_\_

dhow \_\_\_\_\_

hub \_\_\_\_\_

mariner \_\_\_\_\_

monsoon \_\_\_\_\_

sultan \_\_\_\_\_

deplete \_\_\_\_\_

lingua franca \_\_\_\_\_

migration \_\_\_\_\_

tribute \_\_\_\_\_

## Unit 7: American Civilizations

### Chapter 16 – Mesoamerica

cacao \_\_\_\_\_

highland \_\_\_\_\_

lowland \_\_\_\_\_

maize \_\_\_\_\_

mother culture \_\_\_\_\_

slash-and-burn agriculture \_\_\_\_\_

terrace \_\_\_\_\_

codex \_\_\_\_\_

creation story \_\_\_\_\_

glyph \_\_\_\_\_

chinampa \_\_\_\_\_

communal \_\_\_\_\_

conquistador \_\_\_\_\_

noble \_\_\_\_\_

serf \_\_\_\_\_

### **Chapter 17 – South and North America**

geoglyph \_\_\_\_\_

quarry \_\_\_\_\_

quinoa \_\_\_\_\_

terrace farming \_\_\_\_\_

adobe \_\_\_\_\_

confederation \_\_\_\_\_

kiva \_\_\_\_\_

mound builder \_\_\_\_\_

potlatch \_\_\_\_\_

shaman \_\_\_\_\_

totem pole \_\_\_\_\_

wigwam \_\_\_\_\_

## **Unit 8: Empires of Asia**

### **Chapter 18 – Dynasties of China**

commerce \_\_\_\_\_

movable type \_\_\_\_\_

nirvana \_\_\_\_\_

porcelain \_\_\_\_\_

reincarnation \_\_\_\_\_

reunify \_\_\_\_\_

staple \_\_\_\_\_

khanate \_\_\_\_\_

steppe \_\_\_\_\_

isolationism \_\_\_\_\_

### **Chapter 19 – Japanese Civilization**

archipelago \_\_\_\_\_

aristocracy \_\_\_\_\_

calligraphy \_\_\_\_\_

clan \_\_\_\_\_

embassy \_\_\_\_\_

regent \_\_\_\_\_

ritual \_\_\_\_\_

haiku \_\_\_\_\_

kabuki \_\_\_\_\_

meditation \_\_\_\_\_

noh \_\_\_\_\_

bushido \_\_\_\_\_

daimyo \_\_\_\_\_

feudalism \_\_\_\_\_

samurai \_\_\_\_\_

shogun \_\_\_\_\_

shogunate \_\_\_\_\_

vassal \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 20 – Korea and Southeast Asia

adapt \_\_\_\_\_

celadon \_\_\_\_\_

hanbok \_\_\_\_\_

kimchi \_\_\_\_\_

ondol \_\_\_\_\_

rivalry \_\_\_\_\_

bas-relief \_\_\_\_\_

cultivate \_\_\_\_\_

impose \_\_\_\_\_

## **Unit 9: Medieval and Renaissance Europe**

### **Chapter 21 – Feudalism and The Middle Ages**

chivalry \_\_\_\_\_

convert \_\_\_\_\_

feudalism \_\_\_\_\_

knight \_\_\_\_\_

lord \_\_\_\_\_

manor \_\_\_\_\_

medieval \_\_\_\_\_

serf \_\_\_\_\_

vassal \_\_\_\_\_

bubonic plague \_\_\_\_\_

burgher \_\_\_\_\_

cathedral \_\_\_\_\_

clergy \_\_\_\_\_

common law \_\_\_\_\_

guild \_\_\_\_\_

longbow \_\_\_\_\_

monastery \_\_\_\_\_

parliament \_\_\_\_\_

## **Chapter 22 – Renaissance and Reformation**

classical \_\_\_\_\_

humanism \_\_\_\_\_

patron \_\_\_\_\_

perspective \_\_\_\_\_

Renaissance man \_\_\_\_\_

secular \_\_\_\_\_

vernacular \_\_\_\_\_

cartography \_\_\_\_\_

printing press \_\_\_\_\_

woodcut \_\_\_\_\_

denomination \_\_\_\_\_

heresy \_\_\_\_\_

indulgence \_\_\_\_\_

missionary \_\_\_\_\_

nation-state \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter 23 – The Age of Science and Exploration

elliptical \_\_\_\_\_

geocentric theory \_\_\_\_\_

heliocentric theory \_\_\_\_\_

hypothesis \_\_\_\_\_

scientific method \_\_\_\_\_

scientific rationalism \_\_\_\_\_

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theory \_\_\_\_\_

caravel \_\_\_\_\_

colony \_\_\_\_\_

exploit \_\_\_\_\_

quinine \_\_\_\_\_

rivalry \_\_\_\_\_

smallpox \_\_\_\_\_

conquistador \_\_\_\_\_

plantation \_\_\_\_\_

racism \_\_\_\_\_

triangular trade \_\_\_\_\_

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