

Unit 1.1 Vocabulary River Valley Civilizations

1. **Civilization:** a form of culture characterized by cities, specialized workers, complex institutions, record keeping, and advanced technology
2. **Neolithic Revolution:** major change in human life caused by the beginning of farming
3. **Paleolithic Revolution:** prehistoric period during which people used crude stone tools and weapons, most were hunter-gatherers
4. **Nomads:** a member of a group that wanders from place to place in search of food and water, usually following the herds of animals
5. **Primary Source:** original document or physical object that was written or created by someone during the time period studied
6. **Secondary Source:** a document created after the time period being studied; information by someone who did not experience it first-hand or participate in the events during the time period studied
7. **Polytheistic/Polytheism:** belief in more than one god
8. **Monotheistic/Monotheism:** belief in one god
9. **Domestication:** taming of animals such as cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs

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10. **Archaeologist:** scientist who finds & studies artifacts or objects from the past
11. **Anthropologist:** scientist who study humans and human behaviors and societies in the past and present
12. **Historian:** an expert in or student of history, especially that of a particular period, geographical region, or social phenomenon
13. **Geographer:** an expert in the study of the physical features of the earth and its atmosphere, and of human activity as it affects and is affected by these physical features