

## Vocabulary Cards



### Vocabulary Word

**surplus**

### Definition

more than  
what is needed  
or used



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### Vocabulary Word

**ziggurat**

### Definition

pyramid-like structure  
built with flat steps,  
often with a temple  
to the gods at the top

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### Vocabulary Word

**civilization**

### Definition

a complex society  
with developed  
government, technology,  
and culture



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### Vocabulary Word

**empire**

### Definition

a group of  
different lands and people  
spread over a wide area  
that are all controlled  
by the same ruling power

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### Vocabulary Word

**city-state**

### Definition

an independently run city with its own government, laws, and culture



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**scribe**

### Definition

a person whose job is to write or record things

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### Vocabulary Word

**conquer /  
conquest**

### Definition

to defeat and  
take over by force;  
the act of taking over  
by force



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### Vocabulary Word

**domestication**

### Definition

the taming  
and keeping of  
animals and plants  
for human use

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### Vocabulary Word

**division  
of labor**

### Definition

system of people  
specializing in certain jobs,  
e.g., farmers, merchants,  
doctors, scribes, etc.



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### Vocabulary Word

**Code of  
Hammurabi**

### Definition

one of the oldest  
and fullest sets of laws;  
Babylonian laws  
with punishments  
that fit a given crime

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### Vocabulary Word

**Fertile  
Crescent**

### Definition

curved area between the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf, mostly following the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, with land good for farming



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to many of the earliest civilizations

### Vocabulary Word

**Sumer**

### Definition

southern region in Mesopotamia; its first city-states came to power about 3500 B.C.E., making the first human civilization

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