**FEATURES OF A CIVILIZATION**

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| This video is going to help us prepare up for our unit on ancient civilizations. In general a civilization is organized, in fact, if a large group of people living together in an organized way. Most of this video is going to be about the eight different features or characteristics of a civilization.  Video Link: <http://bit.ly/20Iqd5t> |

**These are the eight features that help make a civilization organized.**

1. All civilizations have an organized central \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Complex \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Cities
4. Social \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Writing or organized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and architecture
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ specialization
8. Public \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CITIES

They came about because the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ villages began to grow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or extra food. The population of the settlements \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* Where were many early cities located near because this help transportation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZED CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS

As cities grew larger the needed to:

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* make laws
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Government such as councils, Kings, or religious leaders were given authority in cities.

* What type of government is one that rules over the entire group, not just one section or part of a civilization? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RELIGIONS

Religions soon developed to help people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the world around them.

Most of these early religions were **polytheistic** → What does that mean? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* In these religions the gods were assigned to different things.
* There was a god to explain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* A god to explain nature
* A god for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for water.
* Why did the religious leaders perform ceremonies? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

JOB SPECIALIZATION

As farmers grew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ amount of crops,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_people were needed as farmers and many became different things. They went to different jobs.

* What are two types of jobs that provided their services to the people of the cities? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is job specialization? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL CLASSES

As jobs became specialized people began to find different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of respect or different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to different jobs.

* People with what type of jobs were at the top of the social pyramid? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + For example: Kings, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* If your job did not require any special training where did you fall on the social pyramid? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + For example: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

WRITING SYSTEMS

As far as writing systems go, as societies grew more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the information became too great to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* People developed ways to write things down to keep.
  + What are two things that they would keep track of? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Different styles of decoration and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or architecture were created to express the values of a civilization.

* Why was art often used? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PUBLIC WORKS

Large projects organized by the government to benefit the community or city.

* Who ordered workers to complete these tasks to make a society more organized and to ensure the survival of the people? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What were examples of public works provided?

* Building \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for protection,
* creating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for transportation,
* and digging \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to transport water to crops.

Efficiency:

* Definition of Efficiency: Achieving a goal without wasting or using unnecessary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
  + [Examples: time, energy, materials, food]
* The different parts of a civilization work together to achieve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* All eight of these come together to create a society that can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rapidly otherwise known as a civilization.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS: What do you think would happen to a civilization if one of these features was missing? Think about how life would change for the people and their responsibilities would change in the civilization.

Explain in 3-5 sentences below.

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