

World History--Ancient Civilization
Unit One Terms

Term	Definition
City-State	<p>Standard Definition: a state consisting of a sovereign city and its dependencies. Among the most famous are the great independent cities of the ancient world, such as Athens, Sparta, Carthage, Thebes, Corinth, and Rome.</p> <p>Scaffolded Definition: a very small country, made up of one city. Example: Ancient Athens.</p>
Codification	<p>Standard Definition: the reducing of unwritten customs or case law to statutory form (written law).</p> <p>Scaffolded Definition: the creation of written laws.</p>
Social Hierarchy	<p>any system where groups of people are ranked one above another. Examples: poor, middle class, wealthy</p>
Caste System	<p>a system of social hierarchy specific to India, which still exists today.</p>
Diffusion	<p>Standard Definition: the transmission of elements or features of one culture to another.</p> <p>Scaffolded Definition: when culture spreads to other places.</p>
Neolithic/ Agricultural Revolution	<p>Standard Definition: a gradual change from nomadic hunting and gathering communities and bands to agriculture and settlement. This period is described as a "revolution" because it changed the way of life of communities which made the change.</p> <p>Scaffolded Definition: the time period when people learned to farm.</p>
Theocracy	<p>Standard Definition: a form of government in which God or a deity is recognized as the supreme civil ruler, the God's or deity's laws being interpreted by religious authorities.</p> <p>Scaffolded Definition: a country ruled by religious leaders.</p>
Democracy	<p>Standard Definition: government by the people; a form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system.</p> <p>Scaffolded Definition: when people make decisions through voting.</p>

Republic	<p>Standard Definition: a state in which the supreme power rests in the body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by representatives chosen directly or indirectly by them.</p> <p>Scaffolded Definition: when the people elect representatives to make decisions.</p>
Oligarchy	<p>Standard Definition: a form of government in which all power is vested in a few persons or in a dominant class or clique; government by the few.</p> <p>Scaffolded Definition: when a small group runs the government.</p>
Government	the form or system of rule by which a state, community, etc., is governed. Examples: monarchy, democracy, republic, dictatorship, etc.
Silk Road	the Silk Road was a network of trade routes, formally established during the Han Dynasty of China, which linked the regions of the ancient world in commerce.