

Vocabulary Preview

Directions: Match each vocabulary word to its meaning. Write the number of the vocabulary word on the line before the definition. You may use your glossary. Not all words are used.

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| 1. prehistory | _____ | a. the study of the ways of past cultures through objects they left behind |
| 2. archaeology | _____ | b. way in which humans produce the items they use |
| 3. archaeologist | _____ | c. the technology, customs, beliefs, and art of a group of people |
| 4. artifact | _____ | d. to tame wild animals or plants |
| 5. migrate | _____ | e. extra supply |
| 6. glacier | _____ | f. the study of the relationship between physical features, climate, and people |
| 7. technology | _____ | g. an area's average weather conditions over a long span of time |
| 8. domesticate | _____ | h. an object made by people long ago |
| 9. harvest | _____ | i. a huge sheet of ice covering a great stretch of land |
| 10. excavation site | _____ | j. a surface feature such as a valley, plain, hill, or mountain |
| 11. agriculture | _____ | k. place where archaeologists dig up artifacts |
| 12. surplus | _____ | l. to move from one area to another |
| 13. nomad | _____ | m. one who carefully uncovers evidence from the past |
| 14. social division | _____ | n. a method scientists use to estimate the age of living things after they have died |
| 15. climate | _____ | o. to gather |
| 16. carbon dating | _____ | p. a long period of time before people developed systems of writing and written language |
| 17. culture | _____ | q. a person who travels from place to place |
| 18. landform | _____ | |
| 19. geography | _____ | |
| 20. diverse | _____ | |



Notes for Home: Your child learned the vocabulary words for Chapter 1.

Home Activity: With your child, write the vocabulary words on index cards or pieces of paper. Have your child choose a word card at random and use the word in a sentence that relates to ancient civilizations.