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Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

A.D. stands for anno Domini, which means in the year of our Lord; used to indicate a time division that falls within the Christian era; also known as C.E., of the common era

anthropologist scientist who studies the way people live and how they interact with their neighbors

archaeologist scientist who studies ancient peoples and their cultures by looking at artifacts, fossils, and remains

artifact any object made and used by humans

B.C. stands for before Christ; used to indicate a time division that falls before the Christian era; also known as B.C.E., before the common era

century a period of time equal to 100 years

climate the average weather conditions in a region over a period of years

community people from an area who share common interests

continent one of the seven largest bodies of land on Earth

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culture	a way of living or behaving which includes beliefs, religion, and government
decade	a period of time equal to 10 years
domesticate	to adapt the behavior of an animal to the advantage of humans; to tame
fertile	rich; capable of producing abundantly
geography	the study of the physical characteristics of Earth
geologist	scientist who studies the history of Earth and its life as it is recorded in rocks
history	the study of the past to learn what, how, and why things happened
legend	an explanatory list of the symbols used on a map; also called a <i>key</i>
millennium	a period of time equal to 1,000 years
natural resources	materials we use that are taken from Earth such as water, minerals, soil
nomads	people who move from place to place in search of food and water
prehistoric	pertaining to a time before humans began to keep written records

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region a large geographical area on Earth which is unique or different from others

settlement a place where people establish a new community

specialize to have a specific skill or job