

Vocabulary

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Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

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

artifact any object made and used by humans

burial mound a mound built over the dead

clan group of related families

conquer overcome and take control

conquistador

convert to adopt a different religion or belief

cultural differentiation a distinct way of life determined by
environment

distribution the delivery of an item or items to
others

diverse unlike or different

domesticate to adapt the behavior of an animal to
the advantage of humans; to tame

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economy system of producing and distributing wealth

flourish grow, prosper, achieve success

lavish plentiful; extravagant

originate to bring into being; invent

pilgrimage a journey to a sacred place

polytheistic believing in many gods

procession movement in an orderly manner

province one of the parts a country is divided into; territory

quipu knotted colored cords for recording events and keeping accounts

reign period of rule

sacrifice the offering of something of value to a god as an act of worship

stylize to design according to a style rather than nature

tribute payment that conquered peoples were forced to pay to their conquerors