

# Vocabulary: World History

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**agriculture** — the science or practice of farming

**artifact** — an object that was made by people in the past

**bronze** — a kind of metal combining copper and tin

**casualties** — people who were killed in a war

**circumnavigated** — sail all the way around, especially the world

**civilian** — a person not in the military

**civilization** — the way of life in a particular place or time

**colony** — an area that is under political control of another country

**conquistadors** — Spanish people who took over Mexico and Peru in the 1500s

**continent** — a large land mass on Earth, like Africa or Europe

**empire** — a group of countries controlled by one ruler or government

**factory** — building where things are made with machines

**hierarchy** — system that makes some people higher and some lower

**hieroglyphics** — a language using pictures to represent words

**humanitarian relief** — giving things to people who need help

**immune** — will not catch a disease

**Industrial Revolution** — fast growth of industry using machines in the 1800s

**irrigation** — bringing water to plants from another place

**mammoths** — animals like elephants who lived in the past

**merchant** — someone who buys and then sells products

**monument** — a building or statue made in memory of a person or event

**Native Americans** — people whose ancestors lived in America before Europeans

**natural resources** — things found in nature that are useful to humans, like wood

**papyrus** — sheet for writing made from a plant in Egypt

**philosophy** — study of ideas about knowledge, truth, and meaning of life

**porcelain** — a kind of ceramic used for things like dinner plates

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**poverty** — being very poor

**prehistoric** — human history before anything was written down

**refugees** — people who must leave their country due to war or disaster

**sphere** — a round object, like a ball

**steamship** — a ship that is powered by a steam engine

**technology** — using science for practical purposes

**textile** — a type of cloth

**translated** — words changed from one language to another

**treaty** — an agreement between countries