

Term List: Beginnings of Civilization

anno Domini

Gregorian calendar

Australopithecines

Homo erectus

Homo sapiens

Neanderthal

Homo sapiens sapiens

Paleolithic Age (c. 2,500,000-10,000 BC)

Neolithic Age (c. 10,000 BC - 4,000 BC)

Neolithic Revolution

-Agricultural Revolution

Characteristics of Civilization

1. Urban
2. Institutionalized Religion
3. Bureaucracy/Military
4. Class system
5. Significant Artistic/Intellectual Achievement
6. Writing!

River Valley Civilizations

Sumerians

polytheism

ziggurat

theocracy

divine monarchy

Akkadians

-Sargon (c. 2340 BC)

Third Dynasty of Ur (c. 2112-2000 BC)

-Ur-nammu of Ur

Amorites (Old Babylonians)

-Hammurabi (c. 1792-1750 BC)

-Code of Hammurabi

cuneiform (c. 3000 BC)

Epic of Gilgamesh

Enuma Elish