

Unit 2 Vocabulary

Define the following words in your journals. Include this sheet in the vocab section of your notebooks.

1. **Surplus:** An excess of production or supply
2. **Agriculture:** The process of cultivating land and domesticating crops and livestock
3. **Agricultural Revolution:** the wide-scale transition of many human cultures from a lifestyle of hunting and gathering to one of agriculture and settlement
4. **Domestication:** to adapt or convert (a plant or animal) to be cultivated by and beneficial to human beings.
5. **Pastoralism:** the branch of agriculture concerned with the raising of livestock.
6. **Sedentary Community:** Refers to the practice of living in one place for a long time.
7. **Foraging:** The gathering of food from plant sources, such as nuts or berries.
8. **Geography:** The nature and relative arrangement of places and physical features of the Earth
9. **Fertile Crescent:** The Fertile Crescent (also known as the cradle of civilization) is a crescent-shaped region containing the comparatively moist and fertile land of otherwise arid and semi-arid Western Asia, the Nile Valley and Nile Delta.
10. **City-State:** An independent city, and sometimes its surrounding land, which has its own government
11. **Specialization:** Act of focusing on a particular line of work
12. **Origin Stories:** a symbolic narrative of how the world began and how people first came to inhabit it.
13. **Monotheism:** Belief that there is only one God
14. **Pantheism:** Belief that everything is God and God is one with the universe
15. **Polytheism:** Belief in or worship of more than one god