

## Key Era Vocabulary

This report provides a summary of key vocabulary for this era. For each word, you will find the definition, part of speech, word forms (plurals/tenses), synonyms, and examples of how the word, or forms of the word, are used in a sentence.

### agrarian

- devoted to agriculture (farming and herding); rural; agricultural

<b>Part of speech:</b>	adjective
<b>Word forms:</b>	agrarianism, agrarians
<b>Synonyms:</b>	agricultural, pastoral
<b>In a sentence:</b>	In agrarian societies, most people cultivate the land to supply food for their families and society.

### agriculture

- the raising of crops and livestock

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	agricultural, agriculturally
<b>Synonyms:</b>	farming, animal husbandry
<b>In a sentence:</b>	With improved methods of farming, agriculture flourished in the rural society.

### artifact

- any object made by human beings

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	artifacts, artifactual
<b>Synonyms:</b>	fossil, remains
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The museum had an exhibit of ancient Mexican artifacts.

### authority

- the right, power, or ability to give orders, make decisions, or demand or compel obedience

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	authorities, authoritative, authoritatively
<b>Synonyms:</b>	command, control, power
<b>In a sentence:</b>	As the principal, she has the greatest amount of authority in this school.

### claim testers

- strategies to decide whether a story or concept should or should not be trusted

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	claim tester, claim testing
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The four strategies for testing a claim that we use in World History are intuition, authority, logic, and evidence.

## climate

- the weather conditions most prevailing in a place, averaged over several years

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	climates, climatic
<b>Synonyms:</b>	weather patterns
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Antarctica is known for its cold climate and penguins.

## cognitive

- of, pertaining to, or involving the use of the mind for acquiring knowledge and processing thought

<b>Part of speech:</b>	adjective
<b>Word forms:</b>	cognitively
<b>Synonyms:</b>	mental, intellectual
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Thinking and memorizing are cognitive tasks that require a lot of mental concentration.

## continuity

- things that are constant over time; something in an uninterrupted state

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	continuities, continual, continuous, continuance
<b>Synonyms:</b>	cohesion
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The film's story line lacks continuity, so I was often confused about what was going on.

## domesticate

- to tame (an animal), especially in order to keep as a pet or to use on a farm or ranch

<b>Part of speech:</b>	verb
<b>Word forms:</b>	domesticates, domesticating, domesticator, domesticated
<b>Synonyms:</b>	tame, subdue, train
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Many wild horses of the Old West were domesticated to fill the needs of miners and ranchers.

## forager

- a person who searches for food or supplies

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	foragers, forage, foraged, foraging
<b>Synonyms:</b>	collector, searcher, gatherer
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The foragers went out early in the morning to collect berries in order to avoid the heat of day.

## hierarchy

- a body of persons or entities graded according to rank or level of authority

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	hierarchies, hierarchical
<b>Synonyms:</b>	ranking, classification
<b>In a sentence:</b>	An admiral ranks at the top of the naval hierarchy.

## migration

- the act or process of moving from one region into another

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	migrations, migrant, migratory, migrate
<b>Synonyms:</b>	journey, movement, exodus
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Their ancestors' migration from the east finally led to them settling in this small western mining town.

## mutation

- the act or process of changing, especially genetically

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	mutations, mutate
<b>Synonyms:</b>	change, metamorphosis, transformation
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Bacteria have developed mutations to antibiotics, which means many species are now antibiotic-resistant.

## Neolithic

- designating the latter part of the Stone Age, from about 10,000 BCE to about 3500 BCE, characterized by the use of polished stone tools and the beginnings of farming

<b>Part of speech:</b>	adjective
<b>Word forms:</b>	
<b>Synonyms:</b>	New Stone Age
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Farming and the emergence of agrarian societies were key characteristics of the Neolithic Era.

## Paleolithic

- designating the earliest period of the Stone Age, from about 2 million BCE to about 10,000 BCE, characterized by the use of primitive stone tools

<b>Part of speech:</b>	adjective
<b>Word forms:</b>	
<b>Synonyms:</b>	Old Stone Age
<b>In a sentence:</b>	During the Paleolithic Age, communication development was key to people's survival as they developed names for plants and instructions for how to find them.

## pastoralist

- a person who herds animals

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	pastoralists, pastoralize
<b>Synonyms:</b>	herder, shepherd
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Pastoralists often moved around with their animals in order to find areas to graze.

## sedentism

- the act of living or staying in one place for an extended period of time

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	sedentary, sedentarily, sedentariness
<b>Synonyms:</b>	stationary, immobile
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Scholars found that some Neolithic communities that lived in lush areas fell into the trap of sedentism, or staying in one place where they exhausted their resources.

## state

- the population of a specific area unified under a single government

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	states
<b>Synonyms:</b>	nation
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The leaders of many foreign states will attend the meeting.

## surplus

the quantity that exceeds what is needed or required; an extra amount

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	surpluses
<b>Synonyms:</b>	excess, oversupply
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The farmer had a very prosperous harvest and now has a large surplus of corn.

## symbolic

- of, relating to, or represented by a symbol

<b>Part of speech:</b>	adjective
<b>Word forms:</b>	symbol, symbolically
<b>Synonyms:</b>	representative
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Drinking rice wine has a symbolic meaning in a Japanese wedding ceremony.