

Civilization Criteria Study Sheet



Archeologist V. Gordon Childe proposed the following criteria to help define a civilization:

- * Large and thickly populated settlements**
- * A variety of specialized occupations**
- * The ability to produce and store surplus food and other goods**
- * Large public buildings**
- * A variety and ranking of social positions**
- * Writing and a system of notation**
- * The beginning of science**
- * The development of an important art style**
- * Trade over long distances**
- * The beginning of social control based on a central government rather than kinship**