

Vocabulary

1. artifact = a tool, weapon, or other object left behind by early peoples
2. archaeology - the study of material remains of ancient peoples
3. social - of, or relating to human society, especially as a body divided into classes according to status.
4. political - of, or relating to, or involving the state or its government
5. economic - pertaining to the production, distribution, and use of income, wealth, and commodities
6. culture - a people's shared values, beliefs, traditions, and behaviors
7. society - group of people living together who share similar cultures
8. hieroglyphics - a form of writing that uses symbols or pictures to represent things, ideas, and sounds
9. environment - surroundings
10. confederacy - loose political union joined for a common purpose
11. polytheism - belief in more than one god

12. maize - a variety of corn
13. matrilineal - kinship based on the female line
14. Northwest Passage - a much-sought sea route between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, located along the north coast of North America
15. geography - the study of the Earth's landforms, oceans and environment, including the impact of human activity
16. reservation - a tract of public land set apart for a special purpose, as for the use of an Indian tribe