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Ancient Egyptians		Ancient Greeks		Rainforests	
Afterlife	Relating to the time after a person's death. The Egyptians believed that death was a mere interruption.	Acropolis	the citadel of an ancient Greek city	Biodiversity	The wide variety of living things on earth
Amulet	A small object worn or carried by someone in the name of a god as that person believed that they would receive protection.	Archaeologist	someone who studies the past by exploring old remains	Biomes	a large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things.
Ankh	The Egyptian hieroglyphic character which meant 'life.'	Architecture	the art of planning, designing and constructing buildings	Camouflage	The way that an animal hides itself by changing its body shape or colour to blend in with its surroundings
Barter	A system used to exchange goods without using money. Traders would estimate the worth of something compared to something else. The Egyptians would sometimes use a weight called a 'deben' if they could not agree to trade, and weigh an item on some scales and count the number of debens.	Chronology	the order of events in time circa Latin meaning 'around'. c. 800 BC means around 800 BC	Canopy	Tallest layer of trees in a forest
Canopic Jar	Small containers that would hold the internal organs of a mummy. They would have the head of a baboon, human, cow or a falcon, which represented Horus' four sons.	Citadel	a strong building in or near a city, where people could shelter for safety	Carbon dioxide	A gas (CO <sub>2</sub> ) that is released when fuel burns and when animals breathe. Plants absorb it.
Egyptologist	Someone who studies the ancient Egyptians. One of	Civilisation	a human society with its own social organisation and culture.	Climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of a place
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		Continent	a very large area of land that consists of many countries. Europe is a continent.	Deforestation	the destruction of trees over large areas
		culture	activities such as the arts and philosophy, which are considered to be important for the development of civilisation	Emergent layer	very tall rainforest trees that rise above all other trees around them
		democracy	a fair political system where all adults vote for an elected government. This government then makes decisions on how to run the country.		

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Hieroglyphics	the most famous examples was Howard Carter.  A system of writing that used pictures and symbols instead of letters and numbers.	empire	a number of individual nations that are all controlled by the government or ruler of one particular country	Equator	an imaginary line around the centre of the earth where it is hot
Irrigation	Watering crops through man-made channels such as ditches and canals. The ancient Sumerians are thought to have invented this process.	invasion	to try and take over a place by force	Equatorial	equatorial rainforest grow near the equator
Mummification	The process of preserving the skin and flesh of a body by embalming it and drying it out.	merchant	a person who buys or sells goods in large quantities	Evergreen	trees that have leaves throughout the year
Oasis	An area of desert that has a freshwater supply and plants and trees can grow around it.	military	relating to or belonging to the army	Extinct	an animal or plant species that has completely died out
Papyrus	A type of ancient paper used by the Egyptians. This was made from plants, similar to how paper today is made from trees.	mythology	a group of myths, especially all the myths from a particular country, religion, or culture.	Habitat	a place where a living thing makes its home
Pharoah	The supreme leaders of the land. These could be either Kings or Queens.	philosophy	the study or creation of theories about basic things such as the nature of existence, knowledge, and thought, or about how people should live	Hibernate	to sleep without waking or feeding during cold weather
Pyramid	A four-sided structure that was built by the Egyptians. Although lots of people believe that they were built by slaves, most were	polis	an ancient Greek city-state	Humid	having a high level of moisture in the air
		society	people in general, thought of as a large organized group	Indigenous	a living thing that belongs naturally to an area half of Earth that is north of the Equator.
		trade	the activity of buying, selling, or exchanging goods or services urban belonging to, or relating to, a town or city	Northern hemisphere	half of Earth that is south of the Equator.
		warfare	warfare the activity of fighting a war	Southern hemisphere	places where it is neither very hot or very cold
				Temperate	around the middle of the earth, in the region called the Tropics, where it is very warm all year
				Tropical	an imaginary latitude line above the equator that runs

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	<p>actually farmers who could not farm at that point and were paid, or at least didn't have to pay taxes, to help build these structures.</p>				<p>across the globe at about 23 degrees north.</p>
Rosetta Stone	<p>A stone slab found with identical Egyptian and Greek writing, meaning that the hieroglyphics could be decoded and understood.</p>			Tropics of Cancer	<p>an imaginary latitude line above the equator that runs across the globe at about 23 degrees south</p>
Sarcophagus	<p>A stone container for a body. These were usually beautifully decorated as they often belonged to important people.</p>			Tropics of Capricorn	<p>the layer of vegetation in a forest below the canopy but above the ground</p>
Scarab	<p>A type of beetle found in Egypt that was sacred to the Egyptians. They believed that the life these beetles led represented the cycle of rebirth.</p>			Understory	<p>the plant life growing in a certain area</p>
Scribe	<p>The name for someone who could read and write. This was usually men, but some women may have had this opportunity too. These were well respected in ancient Egypt.</p>				
Shaduf	<p>An Egyptian pump that lifted water. This could be for irrigation or to collect water for a purpose.</p>				

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Sphinx	A mythical being that had the body of a lion or cat and the head of a human.				
Tomb	A place where a body would be buried or laid to rest. These were usually reserved for important people and might include details about their lives painted on the walls.				