**Early Civilizations** (Prehistory- A.D. 1570) NAME:

*Overview: This unit describes how ancient civilizations emerged in various parts of the world, developed into powerful and influential states, and then declined over time.*

History

What are primary and secondary sources?

Oral History

Causes for human movement

Nomads

Importance of agriculture aka “Neolithic Revolution” (10,000 B.C.)

What is domestication? Why is it important?

Importance of free time

What are irrigation systems and why are they important?

What is a surplus and why is it important?

Traditional Economy

Civilization

What are several important characteristics of early civilizations, and why are they important?

Cultural Diffusion

The role of weather in early civilizations

Fertile Crescent

What are irrigation systems and why are they important?

Sumer

Polytheism

Dynasty

Cuneiform

Akkad

Babylonians

Hammurabi

Hittite

Assyrian

Chaldeans

Phoenicians

Persians

Zoroastrianism

Egyptian Geography

Pyramids

Pharaoh

Hieroglyphics

Rosetta Stone