

5 Gr. CS: 2. The eight features of civilizations include cities, well-organized central governments, complex religions, job specialization, social classes, arts and architecture, public works and writing. Early peoples developed unique civilizations. Several civilizations established empires with legacies influencing later peoples.

Definitions: 8 Characteristics of a Civilization Name _____

Characteristic	Definition	Draw a Picture
Cities	a center of population, commerce, and culture	
Government (well organized central)	a system of rule by which a city, state, or nation is governed	
(complex) Religion	a set of beliefs in and worship of God or gods	
Social Structure	refers to the distinctive, stable arrangement of institutions whereby people in a society interact and live together	
Job Specialization	to be involved in some special line of work or study; can include only a few steps in the total production of a good or service (includes specific tools/technology)	
Public Works	a broad category of projects, financed and constructed by the government, for recreational, employment, health, etc. government owned or financed projects, planned specifically for the benefit of the public	
Writing	to express or communicate using symbols such as an alphabet, other pictorial marks, etc.	
Art	belonging to a category including paintings, sculptures, music, etc.	
Architecture	the style and design of buildings and structures	