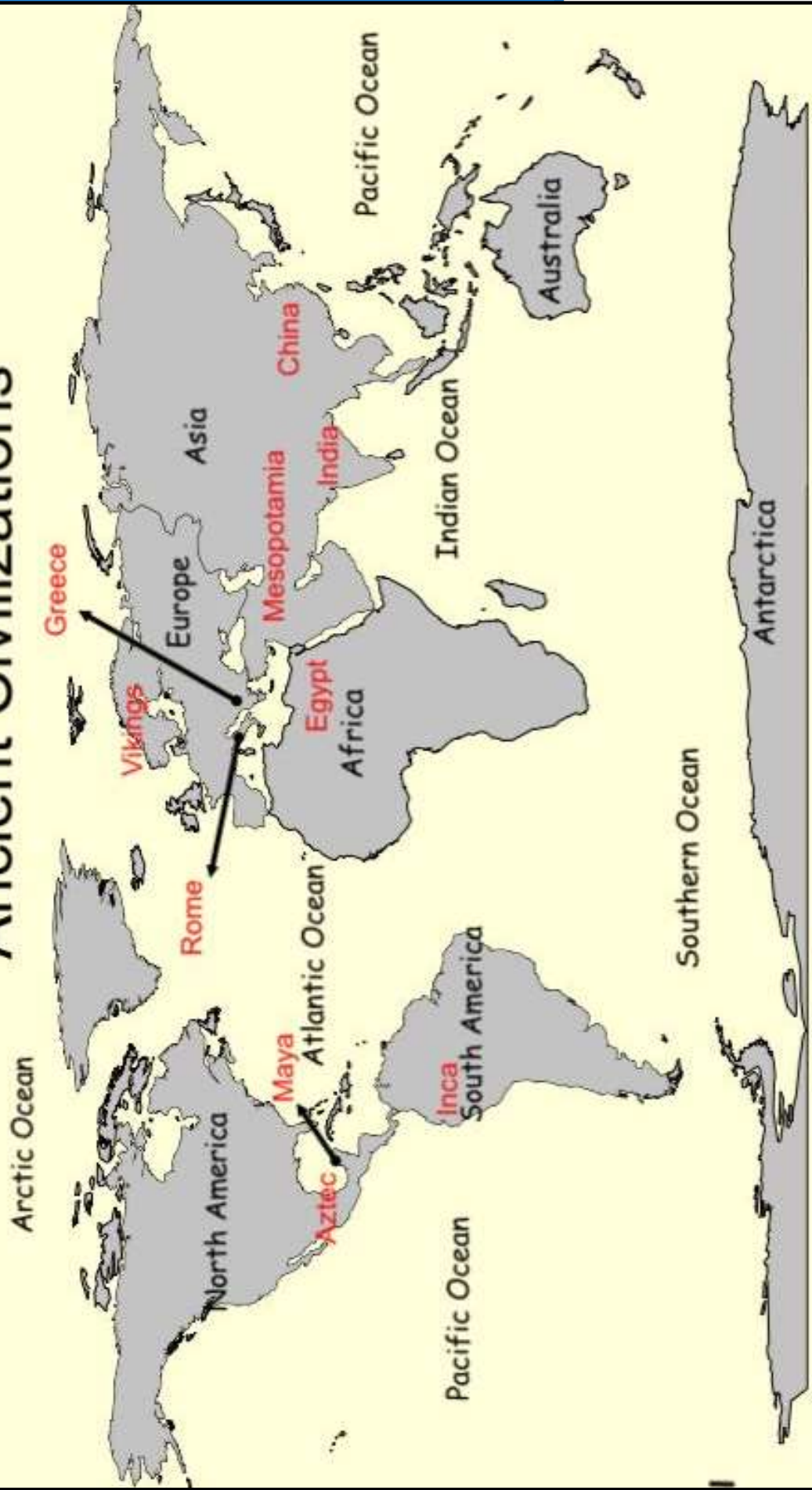


Ancient Civilizations



Key Terms

history - The written or other recorded events of people

prehistory - Is the time before history
The “unrecorded” events of people

archaeologist - Scientist who examines objects to learn about past people and cultures

oral traditions - Stories passed down by word
of mouth (Family stories / Legends of
Heroes)

Stone Age - Period of time when hominids and modern
humans made tools mainly from stone. (Also used
tools made from wood & animal bone.)

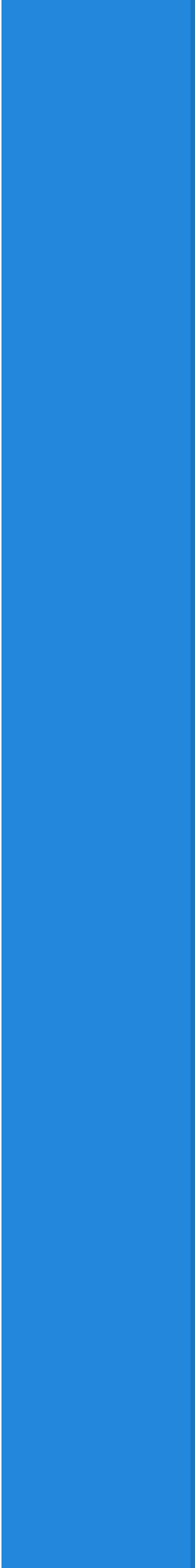
fire - Early hominids learned how to use fire
(Ward off dangerous animals / adapt to
colder climates / moved / altered tools &
cooked food)

nomads - People who have no settled home. Move place
to place gathering and hunting

domesticate - Adapting wild plants and raising animals for human use.


No longer followed food source. Food source was controlled/raised by people.

irrigation - Supplying land with water from another place using a network of canals.



surplus - More food than what is needed.
Extra food could be stored for use at
another time.

specialization - not everyone needs to
grow food so people learn new jobs



artisans - Worker who is especially skilled in
crafting items by hand
Baskets, leather goods, tools,
pottery, cloth, etc.



governments - formed to keep the order in society and provide services

Helped settle disputes and manage public building and irrigation projects for city

civilization - society that has cities, government run by official leaders & workers who specialize in jobs



Bronze Age - Artisans learn how to melt a certain rock at high temperatures to separate the metal copper from the rock

Smelting

Mix copper with tin to make Bronze
Stronger metal, durable, long-lasting
Weapons, tools, helmets, shields




trade - Pottery, tools, weapons, baskets, cloth,
and spices

Food and goods

Ideas and culture

wheel & axle - Increased trade / made it easier



Social Classes - Group of people having similar backgrounds, incomes and ways of living

King

Priests & Nobles (government off. & military)

Artisans / Small traders / Merchants

Common workers and farmers

Slaves