

OPENER:

Introduction to History

Practice 1: Getting Familiar

Directions: From the list below **circle** any words that look familiar

turning point	settlement	revolution	modify	agriculture
dwelling	river valley	fertile	culture	social classes
urban	adapt	crops	reliable	characteristic

Practice 2: *Prediction*

Directions:

1. Each student should take a vocabulary card from the center of the table.
2. Students will have 15 seconds to write down words (terms, people, places, etc.) that they connect with the word on their card.
3. After 15 seconds, everyone will pass the card to their right.
4. Repeat this process until students have had the opportunity to write on most of the cards.

domesticate

settlement

revolution

agriculture

river valley	fertile
culture	social classes

urban

adapt

crops

reliable

characteristic

Directions: Given the definition for each word, create an image to represent the definition.

Word	Definition	Symbol/Image
turning point (n.)	an event that leads to lasting change	
settlement (n.)	a place where people start a new place to live	
revolution (n.)	a great change from things in the past	
modify (v.)	to change	

agriculture (n.)	farming	
dwelling (n.)	a structure in which someone lives	
river valley (n.)	the area of land nearby and parallel to a river	
fertile (adj.)	able to produce farm crops or other plant life	
culture (n.)	the language, ideas, inventions, and art of a particular group of people	

social classes (n.)	groupings of people in a society based usually based on wealth, religion, ethnicity, or other factors	
urban (adj.)	relating to a city	
adapt (v.)	to change	
crops (n.)	plants grown on a farm	
reliable (adj.)	capable of being trusted; consistent	
characteristic (n.)	a feature or quality of something or someone	

Practice 4: Sorting

Directions: Sort the vocabulary words into the correct categories below.

turning point	settlement	revolution	modify	agriculture
river valley	dwelling	fertile	culture	social classes
urban	adapt	crops	reliable	characteristic

Words Related to Interactions with Other Societies

Culture, adapt, urban, modify

Words Related to Geography

agriculture, urban, river valley, crops,

Words Related to the Ways Society is Organized

urban, characteristics, settlements, social

Words Related to the Government

classes
revolution

Words Related to Traveling

