

History Vocabulary

Red words come up in all 3 milestones

Blue words come up in 2 milestones

Milestone 1

Vocabulary	Definition
achievements	things done successfully after lots of effort
activist	a person trying to bring about change
ancient	from a long time ago
architects	people who design buildings
boycott	refusal to use or buy something
breakthrough	successful for the first time
centuries	periods of one hundred years
civilisations	organised groups of humans with their own culture
colonised	settled
commander	person in charge of a military operation
conditions	how good or bad a place is
congested	crowded and blocked
conquest	taking control of a country or group of people
coronation	ceremony at which a king or queen is crowned
conspirators	people planning something in secret
decade	a period of ten years
descendants	relatives from later generations
discoveries	things that have been found for the first time
disease	illness
eyewitness	a person who was at an event and describes it to others
exploration	search of an unfamiliar area
explorer	someone who travels to places in order to discover what is there
extract	a short passage
flammable	easily set on fire
government	people who run a country
historical sources	things that give information about the past
Houses of Parliament	the buildings where the British parliament does its work
hunger strike	refusing to eat in order to raise awareness of an issue

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improved	made better
influential	makes people take notice
insanitary	unclean
law	a set of rules
legacy	something left behind after death
lunar	relating to the Moon
memorial	a structure built in order to remind people of a famous person or event
monarch	the king or queen
monarchy	the monarch and his or her family
orbit	the path an object takes
persecuted	treated cruelly and unfairly
plaque	stone/metal tablet with writing on
politics	achieving and using power in a society
retreat	move away from someone or something
rivals	those in competition with one another
segregation	keeping people apart because of their gender, race or religion
significant	important
suffragettes	women campaigning for the right to vote
sustained	continued
tapestry	large cloth with pictures sewn on
tradition	a custom that has existed for a long time
treason	the crime of betraying your country

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Milestone 2

Vocabulary	Definition
achievements	things done successfully after lots of effort
acknowledged	recognise
afterlife	a life some people believe begins when you die
ancestors	relatives from long ago; people who someone is descended from, older than a grandparent
ancient	from a long time ago
approximately	nearly
archaeologists	people who study the past by examining remains and objects
architects	people who design buildings
assassinated	killed for political reasons
canopic jars	containers holding organs from a body
climate	weather conditions of a place
c.	around
commemorate	remember
communal	shared by a group of people
communication	sharing information
consequence	result or effect
conquest	taking control of a country or group of people
constitution	a system of laws and rules
construction	the building of things
custom	a traditional way of doing something
decipher	work out what something says
density	how much an area is filled or covered with people or things
dictator	a ruler with total power over a country
dominant	powerful or with influence
economy	how money and trade is organised
embalmed	preserved with special substances
emperor	man who rules an empire
engineering	using scientific knowledge to build
erosion	gradual destruction
essential	very important
eternity	time without end
exporting	selling goods to another country
extracting	taking out of the ground

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fertile	able to support the growth of plants
fortifications	buildings, walls and ditches built to protect a place
fortified	protected against attack
frontiers	borders between countries
historical sources	things that give information about the past
hoard	a secret store of valuable items
identities	who people are
immortality	the ability to live forever
importing	buying goods from another country
influential	makes people take notice
inhabited	lived in
intricate	with many small parts and details
irrigation	supplying land with water
legacy	something left behind after death
migrate	move from one place to another
mosaics	pictures made from pieces of tile
mummy	preserved body
nomadic	travelling from place to place
permanent	lasting forever
pharaoh	king or queen
predators	animals that kill and eat other animals
preservation	protection from decay or damage
preserved	kept in its original state
processions	groups of people walking in line at a public event.
prosperous	wealthy
resistance	fighting back against attackers
rituals	religious services that follow set patterns
sanitation	keeping places clean with a sewage system and clean water supply
sarcophagus	decorative container for a body
scavenging	searching for something
significant	important
societies	people living together in organised groups
sophisticated	advanced preoccupied: thinking a lot about something
states	organised communities under their own government
surplus	more than you need

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technology	the use of scientific discoveries for practical purposes
temples	places of worship
territory	land controlled by a ruler
trade	buy, sell or exchange goods
turmoil	a state of confusion and uncertainty

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Milestone 3

Vocabulary	Definition
abandoned	left for a long time
achievements	things done successfully after lots of effort
agriculture	farming and keeping animals
amphibious	(of a military operation) with forces landing from the sea
arabesques	designs made up of flowing lines
architects	people who design buildings
aqueducts	long bridges carrying water
atomic	power that is produced by splitting atoms
Blitz	when a city (like London) was bombed heavily
caliphate	the rule or reign of a caliph
captives	people who have been taken prisoner
ceremony	a formal event where special things are done
chinampas	islands created for growing crops
colonial	relating to a country controlled by a more powerful country
Communism	a political belief system
conquered	taken control of by force
conquest	taking control of a country or group of people
conditions	how good or bad something is
conquistadors	Spanish conquerors
consequence	result or effect
currency	money
decade	a period of ten years
declaration	official announcement
depicted	represented in a work of art
dispute	argument or disagreement
economy	the wealth a country gets from business and industry
empire	a number of nations controlled by one country
engineered	using scientific knowledge to build
era	a long and distinct period of history
evacuated	removed from a dangerous place
evacuation	removal to a place of safety
exchanged	swapped
expansion	process of becoming bigger
exploration	the process of exploring

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fortifications	buildings, walls and ditches built to protect a place
guilds	groups of people who do the same job
Holocaust	the deliberate mass murder of Jews and political prisoners by the Nazis
influence	power to make people agree with you or do what you want
influences	effects on what people say or do
influential	makes people take notice
ingenious	very clever
inherited	receive something after someone has died
innovations	new ways of doing something
intricate	with many small parts and details
irrigation	supplying land with water
law	a set of rules
legacies	things left behind from the past
legacy	something left behind after death
Mesoamerican	historical region including parts of modern-day Mexico and Central America
missionary	people sent to a foreign country to teach about their religion
nomadic	travelling from place to place
overpopulation	too many people
parliament	a group of people who make or change laws
population	all the people living in a place
poverty	being extremely poor
propaganda	communication used to influence the opinions of others
prosperity	doing well financially
prosperous	rich and successful
Raj	British rule in India
ramparts	walls built to protect a city
rationing	limiting the amount of food, water or fuel
renowned	well known
representation	speaking on behalf of someone else
research	studying to find things out
revolution	important change
sacrifice	to kill an animal or person in a religious ceremony
significant	important
Silk Roads	an ancient network of trade routes
terracing	steps built into sloping land

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textiles	things made of cloth
tolerance	allowing others to say and do things even if you don't approve or agree
trade	to buy and sell goods
traditions	customs that have existed for a long time
translate	to write in another language
tribute	payment made as a mark of respect
uncharted	not yet mapped, unfamiliar
uninhabitable	cannot be lived in
workforce	people available to do a job
worshipped	paid respect to
yields	amounts of crops produced