

# CIVILIZATION

A **civilization** is a society with cities, a central government, workers who specialize in certain jobs leading to social classes, that has religion, writing, art and architecture.

There is no civilization without agriculture – societies need a stable food supply before they can develop.

A civilization is made up of many parts. We will use the acronym **G.R.A.P.E.S.** to remember them!

**G**eography – Where is the civilization? What sort of crops can they grow? What natural resources do they have?

**R**eligion – What do the people believe? How do their beliefs affect their lives?

**A**chievements – What did they contribute to the world? What did they invent? What did they build (architecture)?

**P**olitics - What was their government like? Who made the decisions in the society?

**E**conomy – How did the society distribute their resources? Did they trade or use money? What did they sell or trade? What did they need to get from outside of their civilization?

**S**ocial Structures – What were their social class systems? Who was considered more important in their society? What was their art, music, recreation like?