

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Unit 2 - Ancient Civilizations

## Word Bank Focus: Word Origins

Word	Origin	Notes
<b>Digging Up the Past</b>		
site	Latin	situs (position)
archaeologist	Greek	archaios (ancient) + istes (one who does)
artifact	Latin	ars (skill) + factus (make)
excavate	Latin	ex- (out) + cavus (hollow)
sift	Old English	siftan
<b>The Search for Early Americans</b>		
cliff dwelling	Old English	clif (cliff) + dwellan (stay)
prehistoric	Greek	prae- (before) + historia (knowledge)
exploration	Latin	explorare (investigate) + -atio (process of)
preserve	Latin	prai- (before) + servare (keep)
ancestor	Latin	ante- (before) + cedere (go)
<b>The Island of Bulls</b>		
presumed	Latin	praesumere (take first)
civilization	Latin (civil)	civis (citizen) + atio (process of)
moonstones	Old English	mona + stan
curious	Latin	cura (care)
stucco	Italian	
enlightened	Greek (en-) Old English (light)	endemic- (into) + leoht = enlight
oblivion	Latin	oblivisci (forget)
<b>The People on the Beach</b>		
anthropologist	Greek	anthropo (man) + istes (one who does)
dank	Scandinavian	
balustrade	Italian (baluster)	balaustra (pomegranate flower)
sulphur	Latin	sulpur
eruption	Latin	e- (out) + rumpere (burst) + -tio (action)
excavation	Latin	ex- (out) + cavus (hollow) + -tio (action)

The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone		
blockades	Old French	bloc
inscription	Latin (inscribe)	in- (on, in) + scribere (write)
equivalents	Latin	aequus (equal) + valere (be worth)
associated	Latin (associate)	assiciare (join to)
translate	Latin	translatus (carried across)
His Majesty, Queen Hatsheput		
frankincense	Old French	franc (pure) + encense (incense)
ibis	Greek from Egypt	hab
palanquin	Sanskrit	palyañka (bed)
lotuses	Greek	lôtos
obelisk	Greek	obeliskos (a pointed pillar)

#### Language Timeline

Greek = 850 B.C.-200 AD

Latin (Classical) = 80 B.C.-200 AD

Late Latin = 200-600 AD

Old English = before 1150

Middle English = 1150-1500 AD