

Social Studies 7

Key Terms Chapter 1:

- 1). culture: way of life for a specific group of people
 - 2). artifact: tools, ornaments, and objects made by people and studied by archeologists
 - 3). irrigate: to bring water to crops
 - 4). civilization: a culture that reaches its highest level of development
 - 5). empire: when a ruler or government controls lands and people outside of its own boundaries
 - 6). pre-history: time before written records were kept
 - 7). adobe: sun-dried clay bricks
 - 8). pueblos: Anasazi villages made of adobe which are several stories high as protection from enemies
 - 9). tepee: cone shaped tents carried by Native Americans when hunting buffalo
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Chapter 1 people and places:

- 1). Iroquois: Indian culture from the Eastern Woodlands who lived in longhouses. They formed a league with five other nations as protection from other tribes (Confederation).
Women were respected as head of the family.
- 2). Mayas: This civilization lived in present-day Mexico and Central America. They built tremendous pyramids that served as temples for religious worship.
- 3). Aztecs: This civilization lived in the central valley of Mexico and built a great capital city of Tenochtitlan. They were warlike and also polytheistic.
- 4). Incas: This civilization was located in the Andes Mountains of South America. They used terrace farming to irrigate their crops.
- 5). Prince Henry: Portuguese sailor who started a school of navigation because of the importance of exploration.
- 6). Bartholomew Dias: This Portuguese sailor reached the Cape of Good Hope in 1487.
- 7). Vasco da Gama: The Portuguese sailor sailed around Africa and reached India in 1498.
The first person to reach Asia by water.

- 8). Christopher Columbus: Italian sailor who sailed for Spain. He believed that he could reach Asia by sailing West. His discovery of the Americas resulted in many other explorers sailing west for routes to Asia.
- 9). King Ferdinand: King of Spain who sponsored Columbus's voyage to the Americas.
- 10). Queen Isabella: Queen of Spain who believed that Columbus's voyage would bring fame, wealth and the opportunity to spread Christianity to Spain.
- 11). Cape of Good Hope: Southern tip of South Africa that represented a place on the map that no sailor had ever traveled around.
- 12). West Indies: The area where Columbus first landed. He mistakenly believed that he was in the Indies.
- 13). San Salvador: The name Columbus gave the island on which he first landed.
Translation = "Holy Savior"