### **Word Cards**

# 17 slavery

systems in which some people are held as property by others and forced to do different types of work

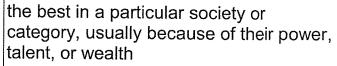


**Example:** Slavery existed in Ancient Egypt, and the great pyramids of Egypt were built in part by slaves.

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### 18 elite

a group of people considered to be



**Example:** Priests were often included in the elite classes of ancient civilizations because it was believed they could gain favor from the gods.

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### 19 aristocrats

members of a ruling class or of the nobility and were usually wealthy landowners



**Example:** In ancient empires, the family members of the emperor were aristocrats and enjoyed wealth with little work.

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### 20 merchants

people who buy and sell goods for profit; business people



**Example:** Merchants often had connections to people in other places because they bought and sold goods through large trade networks.

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## 21 artisan

a worker in a skilled trade or craft; one who makes things by hand



**Example:** There were many artisans in ancient Greece, some of which were skilled sculptors and stone workers. They were higher in the social hierarchy than unskilled laborers.

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### 22 scholar

a person dedicated to the pursuit of learning and the building of knowledge; valued for

their thinking rather than their labor



**Example:** Scholars in ancient Greece were well-respected and studied topics related to mathematics, philosophy, and history.

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