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**Lesson 5 : Ancient Sumer**

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| **artisan** | a craftsperson |
| **civilization** | a society marked by developed arts, sciences, government, and social structure |
| **culture** | a characteristic of civilization that includes the beliefs and behaviors of a society or group of people |
| **cuneiform** | writing that uses wedge-shaped characters |
| **merchant** | a person who makes money by selling goods |
| **pictograph** | a symbol that stands for an object |
| **scribe** | a person who writes |
| **social structure** | the way a civilization is organized |
| **technology** | the use of tools and other inventions for practical purposes |
| **ziggurat** | an ancient Mesopotamian temple tower with outside staircases and a shrine at the top |