

## 7th Grade Ancient History Vocabulary

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ı. abode	home	25. Confucianism	the teachings of Confucius emphasizing
2. administer	to manage or direct		love for humanity
3. administration	management	26. <b>conqueror</b>	a person who gains control by winning a war
4. adoption	to accept or act in accordance with (a plan, principle, etc.).	27. Constitution	A document which spells out the principles by which a government runs and the
5. affairs	matters of personal concern; business		fundamental laws that govern a society
6. agriculture	farming; the raising of crops and animals for human use	28. constitutional monarchy	a monarch keeps his or her ceremonial position, but all political power belongs to
7. Alexander	founded many cities and spread Greek culture from Egypt to the edges of India, and helped unite the culture of Greece with that of the Middle East Alexander achieved this		the people and is outlined in a constitution.
		29. convey	make known
		30. cultivate	to nurture, improve, refine
8. apportioned	before dying at the age of 33. divided up	31. cultural diffusion	the transmission of ideas, customs, beliefs, and other cultural elements from one group to another.
9. aristocracy	a Greek word meaning "rule by the best"  Some of the Greek city-states during the classical period were ruled by monarchs, usually kings. Others were very wealthy and	32. <b>decree</b>	(n.) an order having the force of law; (v.) to issue such an order; to command firmly or forcefully
10. ascend	noble land-owning families to move upward, to rise from a lower station	33. democracy	a form of government in which citizens govern themselves
11. assembly	a group of people gathered together for a	34. deposited	put, laid, or set down
12. assume	religious, political, or educational purpose.  To take for granted or without proof.	35. <b>dharma</b>	in Hinduism, the duties and obligations of each caste
13. avoid	to keep away from	36. dictator	A ruler who has complete power over a
14. bicameral			country
	A legislature consisting of two parts, or houses	37. direct democracy	a form of government in which all people, or all citizens, come together to pass laws
15. blend	mix		and make decisions for their communities.
16. bounty	a reward or payment; money	38. discharge	release
17. burearcracy	a hierarchical system in which work flows through a set chain of command. A bureaucracy is made up of unelected government officials, and workers often are referred to as civil servants.	39. divine right	Belief that a rulers authority comes directly from god.
		40. domesticate	to tame; to bring plants or animals under human control
18. ceremony	a celebration to honor a cultural or religious event	41. dynasty	a series of rulers in a particular kingdom or empire, and each ruler in the series is said to be a member of the same family.
19. <b>citizenship</b>	informed and active membership in a political community; the way you conduct yourself as a member of the community	42. emperor	a male leader of an empire or a ruler who has total power in a country or region.
20. civilization	A society with cities, a central government, job specialization, and social classes	43. Emperor Augustus	First emperor of Rome, brought peace to the Roman empire after centuries of civil war.
21. <b>civil war</b>	a war between political factions or regions within the same country	44. enlightenment	in Buddhism, a state of perfect wisdom in which one understands basic truths about
22. class	group of similar orders; people having the same social, economic, or educational status	vs. ogual	the universe
23. companion	friend	45. equal	Having the same value.
24. conferring	giving	46. <b>erupt</b>	burst or break out

47. excel	to do better than, surpass	69. Julius Caesar	Roman general and dictator. He was
48. <b>exhibit</b>	to show; to display		murdered by a group of senators and his former friend Brutus who hoped to restore the
49. <b>expansive</b>	large		normal running of the republic.
50. <b>expel</b>	force to leave or move out	70. jurisdiction	area of influence of power, range of authority;
51. <b>expenditures</b>	government spending		(law) the right and power to interpret and
52. <b>extends</b>	straighten or lengthen	!!!	apply the law
53. <b>feudalism</b>	a social and economic system based on a strict hierarchy. In feudal societies, a large landholder - such as a noble or lord - gives land and titles to vassals in exchange for the	71. justice	the quality of fairness; rightfulness to show fairness
		72. justify	
		73. knowledge 74. Legalism	what you know created harsh punishments for people who
54. Filial Piety	loyalty of those vassals.  In Confucian thought, one of the virtues to be cultivated, a love and respect for one's parents and ancestors.	-	did not follow the laws. Believed that a strong leader was necessary to ensure harmony among people, so they also passed laws that increased the power of the rulers.
55. <b>foretold</b>	to tell of beforehand; predict; prophesy.	75. magistrates	elected officials
56. Gobi Desert	One of the worlds largest deserts, covers part of China and present-day Mongolia.	76. mandate	a command, usually an official order, that grants rights.
57. <b>gradual</b>	happening little by little	77. Mandate of	a political theory of ancient China in which
58. Great Wall of China	is not a single structure but a linked series of defensive walls, watchtowers, and natural barriers. It was built over a period of 2,000 years and stretches more than 5,000 miles	Heaven	those in power were given the right to rule from a divine source but the people could remove the leader if they lost virtue or acts foolishly
59. Han dynasty	across China and southern Mongolia. the emperors maintained, in large part, the	78. <b>Mekong</b> River	This river begins in southwest China and flows south all the way through Vietnam
59. <b>Han dynasty</b>	centralized administrative government begun by the Qin dynasty. However, they favored a government based on Confucian principles		cross and are way an engineering
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89. oligarchy	A government ruled by a few powerful people	107. Roman Senate	A council whose members were the heads of wealthy, landowning families. Originally an advisory body to the early kings, in the era of the Roman Republic they effectively governed the Roman state and the growing empire.
90. Patrician	ranked just below the emperor and his family. The nobles of Rome.		
91. <b>peasants</b>	people who worked the land or served the nobles; poor	108. sacred	holy
92. peculiarity	feature, characteristic, quality	109. Sanskrit	(Hinduism) an ancient language of India (the language of the Vedas and of Hinduism); the first written language of India
93. <b>perish</b>	to die		
94. <b>philosophy</b>	founded many cities and spread Greek culture from Egypt to the edges of India, and helped unite the culture of Greece with that of the Middle East Alexander achieved this before dying at the age of 33.	110. sediment	small, solid pieces of material that come from rocks or living things
		III. Shang dynasty	arose along the Huang He River in northern China sometime between 1760 and 1520 BCE. Shang society was divided into levels. The king was at the top, followed by the noble class and
95. Plato	(430-347 BCE) Was a disciple of Socrates whose cornerstone of thought was his theory of Forms, in which there was another world of perfection.		then the peasants.
		112. Silk Road	An ancient trade route between China and the Mediterranean Sea extending some 6,440 km (4,000 mi) and linking China with the Roman Empire. Marco Polo followed the route on his journey to Cathay.
96. Plebians	Members of the lower class of Ancient Rome including farmers, merchants, artisans and traders		
97. polytheistic	belief in many gods	113. Silk Road	a system of caravan tracts that connected ancient China to civilizations to the west. This enabled the exchange of valuable goods as well as cultural ideas.
98. priests	religious leaders		
99. prophet	a person regarded as an inspired teacher		
	or proclaimer of the will of God.  A person who speaks or interprets for God	114. sociality	living in groups
	to other people	115. <b>social</b> order	groups attend society that are separated from other groups based on wealth, property, and
100. Qin Dynasty	(221-207 BCE) The first centralized dynasty of China that used Legalism as its base of belief.	116. Socrates	rights.  Athenian philosopher (ca. 470-399 B.C.E.) who shifted the emphasis of philosophical investigation from questions of natural science to ethics and human behavior.
101. Qinling Mountains	stretch east and west for nearly 1,000 miles. This mountain range provides a		
	natural barrier between China's northern and southern regions.	117. Socratic Method	philosophical method of questioning to gain truth
102. <b>quarry</b>	animal hunted or caught for food	118. solidify	to make or become firm or hard
103. Representative  Democracy	a form of government in which people elect leaders, called representatives, to stand in for them.	119. Song Dynasty	(960-1279 CE) The Chinese dynasty that placed much more emphasis on civil administration, industry, education, and arts other than military.
104. Republic	A form of government in which the people select representatives to govern them and make laws.	120. <b>Taoism</b>	both a philosophy and a religion. This does not have detailed rules for all the relationships between people. In fact, Taoists believe that to live in harmony with nature, people must not have too many rules.
105. restoration	a return of something to a former, original, normal, or unimpaired condition.		
106. revenue	incoming money	121. thither	from place to place
		122. <b>Tiber</b> <b>River</b>	a river flowing southward from north-central Italy across the Latium plain, and into the Tyrrhenian Sea. The river where Rome was founded.
		123. <b>Tibetan</b> <b>Plateau</b>	rises high above sea level in southwestern China. Also known as the roof of the world

124. transference	to be moved from one place to another:
125. transition	a change
126. <b>Tribune</b>	In ancient Rome, an official elected by the plebeians to protect their rights.
127. <b>Tyranny</b>	Cruel and oppressive government or rule; A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc.)
128. <b>tyrant</b>	a cruel and oppressive ruler
129. understanding	comprehension
130. uniform code	the same set of principles or laws
131. utterly	completely, totally
132. <b>varna</b>	a basic subdivision of humanity in the Hindu caste system; caste; one of the four broad classes of human society under Hinduism
133. wisdom	the trait of utilizing knowledge and experience with common sense and insight
134. Zhou Dynasty	China developed political and cultural characteristics that shaped the Chinese way of life for 2,000 years. Three great philosophical schools took root: Confucianism, Taoism, and Legalism.