

Features of Civilization

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class Period: _____

Historians have determined that there are eight features common to most early civilizations which distinguish them from less complex societies. Complete the table to show how (or if) the cultures, along with the United States, meet the criteria for civilization.

Criteria	Ancient Sumer	Ancient Egypt	Modern United States
City or cities			
Centralized government			
Complex religion(s)			
Job specialization			
Castes or social classes			
Architecture and art			
Public works			
Writing			