

# Characteristics of Civilization

*For a society to be considered civilized, it must have the following characteristics:*

1. A system of government that directs and controls some actions of the members of the society
2. A regular food supply that is not likely to suddenly change
3. Specialization of labor, in which members of the society perform different jobs
4. Different social levels, in which some members of the society are given higher status than others
5. A highly developed culture including art, architecture, music, literature, science, and writing
6. A religious system, which might include priests and temples