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Section 2

city-state	empire	polytheism	priests
rural	social hierarchy	urban	

DIRECTIONS On the line provided before each statement, write **T** if a statement is true and **F** if a statement is false. If the statement is false, write the correct term on the line after each sentence that makes the sentence a true statement.

_____ **1.** Land with different territories and peoples under a single rule is called an empire.

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_____ **2.** Social hierarchy is a division of society by rank or class.

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_____ **3.** Countryside areas are considered to be urban.

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_____ **4.** Priests are people who perform religious ceremonies.

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_____ **5.** A city-state consists of a city, which is the political center, and the surrounding countryside.

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_____ **6.** The practice of worshipping just one god is called polytheism.

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_____ **7.** Rural areas are considered to be the countryside.

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Section 3

architecture	cuneiform	epic
pictograph	scribe	ziggurat

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence and fill in the blank with the word in the word pair that best completes the sentence.

1. A _____ would be hired to keep track of the items people traded. **(pictograph/scribe)**
2. A pyramid-shaped tower that rose above each Sumerian city was called a _____. **(cuneiform/ziggurat)**
3. The Sumerians developed the world's first system of writing called _____. **(cuneiform/ziggurat)**
4. An _____ is a long poem that tells a story of a hero. **(epic/architecture)**
5. The _____ was the earliest form of written communication. **(pictograph/scribe)**
6. The science of building is known as _____. **(epic/architecture)**
7. Becoming a _____ was a way a person could move up in social class. **(pictograph/scribe)**
8. An _____ was written about the legendary Sumerian king Gilgamesh. **(epic/architecture)**

DIRECTIONS Look at each set of three vocabulary terms following each number. On the line provided, write the letter of the term that does not relate to the others.

_____	**9. a.** pictograph	**b.** ziggurat	**c.** cuneiform
_____	**10. a.** scribe	**b.** ziggurat	**c.** architecture
_____	**11. a.** scribe	**b.** wheel	**c.** cuneiform

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