

**Key Terms, Concepts and Characters**

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New World / Old World (western and eastern hemispheres)

Middle East (Near East)

Mesoamerica

domestication (the process)

food production (agricultural production)

civilization (anthropological/archaeological definition)

**History and archaeology in the general Western Tradition - notes**

Greek writers: Hesiod (8th cent. B.C.)

Herodotus (mid-5th cent. B.C.)

Thucydides (late 5th cent B.C.)

Pausanias (2nd cent. A.D.)

Nabonidus: Babylonian king, 555-539 B.C.

Dilettanti

Stonehenge

Pompeii and Herculaneum

Elgin Marbles

Antiquarianism

The antiquity of humankind

Biblical vrs. geological chronology

Archbishop James Ussher (17th cent. A.D.)

Principle of superposition (Steno's law)

Uniformitarianism

James Hutton: *Theory of the Earth* (1785)

Charles Lyell: *Principles of Geology* (1833)

Jacques Boucher de Perthes (1841)

Catastrophism (Special Creation Theory): Georges Cuvier

Evolution: Charles Darwin, *On the Origins of Species* (1859)

The Three Age system: C.J. Thomsen (1836)

Stone Age

Bronze Age

Iron Age

Early systematic excavations

Thomas Jefferson (1784)

General Pitt-Rivers (1880's - 1890's)

Goals of archaeology

culture history

reconstructing past lifeways

cultural processes