**6th Grade Social Studies Academic Vocabulary**

**WEEK 1**

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| anthropologist | person who studies the science of human beings |
| archaeologist | person who studies the science that deals with past human life |
| artifact | a usually simple object representing a culture |
| caste system | systems of social classes enforced by law or common practice |
| census | counting of the population |

**WEEK 2**

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| Christianity | religion centered on Jesus |
| city states | community organized as a country with just one city |
| civilization | the way of life of a people |
| Buddhism | religion of eastern and central Asia based on teachings of Buddha |
| Hinduism | body of social, cultural, and religious beliefs native to India |

**WEEK 3**

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| historian | student or writer of history |
| Judaism | religion developed among ancient Hebrews based on one God and the Old Testament |
| irrigation | process of supplying water by artificial means |
| Islam | religion marked by belief in Allah as sole god and Muhammad as prophet |
| feudal system | government based on obligations between the lord/king and lower classes |

**WEEK 4**

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| colonization | to establish or settle a colony |
| domestication | to adapt to living with humans and serving their purpose |
| epics | long poems telling the deeds of a hero |
| geologist | person who studies the history of earth, especially rocks |
| trend | to extend or act in a general direction or way |

**WEEK 5**

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| merchant/  trader | buyer and seller of goods for profit |
| migration | passing from one region or climate to another on a regular schedule |
| monarchy | government with a chief of state who inherits the role--king/queen |
| barter economy | an economy that lacks a currency; all exchanges are with goods and services |
| theocracy | government which believes it has divine guidance |

**WEEK 6**

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| oligarchy | government in which a small group has all of the power |
| philosophy | study of basic ideas about knowledge, truth, morality, religion, and the meaning of life |
| prehistory | study of man--before writing |
| republics | government with chief of state who is not a monarch--usually a president |
| romance language | major branch of the Indo-European languages; descended from Latin |