

Building Blocks of Civilization

What are the priority needs of the people and how are they met?

What are the relevant geographic features? Why?

What factors cause or contribute to this situation?

What do you predict will happen next? Why?

What else can you learn about this situation by reflecting on the building blocks?

Adapted by Scott Flox from ideas in *Guns, Germs, and Steel* by Jared Diamond

8. Military

7. Culture

6. Economy

5. Architecture

4. Agriculture

3. Natural Barriers

2. Tools

1. Water