## CHARACTERISTICS OF CIVILIZATION

**Directions**: The first civilizations began in Mesopotamia. Historians believe "Civilizations" must possess 5 characteristics: advanced cities, specialized workers, complex institutions, record keeping, and advanced technology. Cut out the graphic organizer below and **define civilization** in the center. Then **list the characteristics** on the 5 flaps. **Draw a picture** to represent each on one side and explain its significance on the other. Finally, at the bottom of your page **explain examples of these in our culture today**.

