

conquests, n. when things or places are acquired through force

consensus, n. agreement between different people or groups

controversial, adj. open to dispute

countless, adj. too many to count

courier, n. messenger

courtyards, n. yards open to the sky but enclosed on the sides

crude, adj. impolite

culprit, n. someone guilty of a crime

cultivate, v. develop

cunning, adj. clever; sneaky

D

departed, adj. dead

descended, v. had a specific family or person among one's ancestors

devastated, v. caused great destruction to

discontented, adj. unhappy; not satisfied

discord, n. disagreement

dismissed, v. fired, as from a job

distinctive, adj. different; unique

distress, n. pain or sorrow

diverse, adj. including many kinds

domestication, n. the process of training animals to live with, or work for, people

dominated, n. ruled

drab, adj. boring

duels, n. combat between two people that is planned in advance

E

elaborate, adj. fancy and detailed

elite, adj. the choice or best of anything

emerged, n. developed

expanse, n. a vast space

exploited, v. used selfishly

F

figurehead, n. a person who holds the title of head of a group but has no real power

finance, v. provide money for

flaunting, v. showing off

flogged, v. whipped

flourished, v. was successful and widespread

folktales, n. traditional stories that came back from a particular group or culture

formidable, adj. powerful

foundation, n. basis

fractured, adj. broken; split

fray, n. battle

G

garrison town, n. a town that is protected, perhaps by a wall

geometric, adj. patterned with shapes

graceful, adj. beautiful; elegant

grudgingly, adv. in a way that shows reluctance