

# Social Studies Terms to Know

**Geography**- the study of Earth's natural features

**Government**- a system of laws and rulers in an area

**Culture**- a way of life shared by a group of people

**Economics**-a way that people use their resources and money

**History**- the study of past events

**Citizens**- people that live in an area

**Society**-a body of individuals living as members of a community

**Polytheism**-belief in many gods

**Monotheism**-belief in one god

**Primary Source**- a document or artifact created during a particular historical period

**Secondary Source**- a work produced about a historical event by someone that wasn't actually there

**Democracy**-a form of government where people vote

**Monarchy**-a form of government where a king or queen rules

**Legacies**-anything handed down from the past