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# FROM CULTURE TO CIVILIZATION

## Born

14 April 1892

Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

## Died

19 October 1957 (aged 65)

Blackheath, New South Wales,  
Australia

## Occupation

Archaeologist  
Philologist



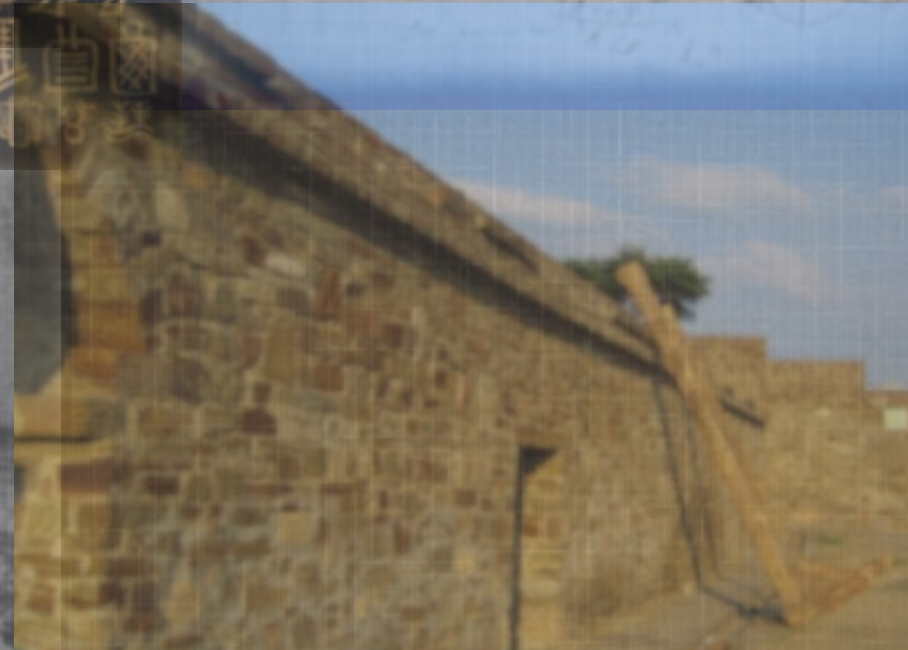
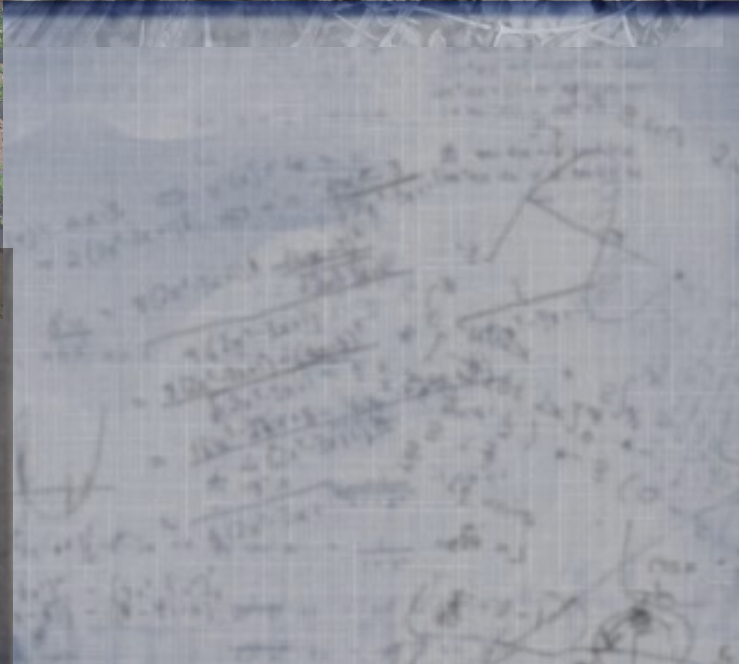
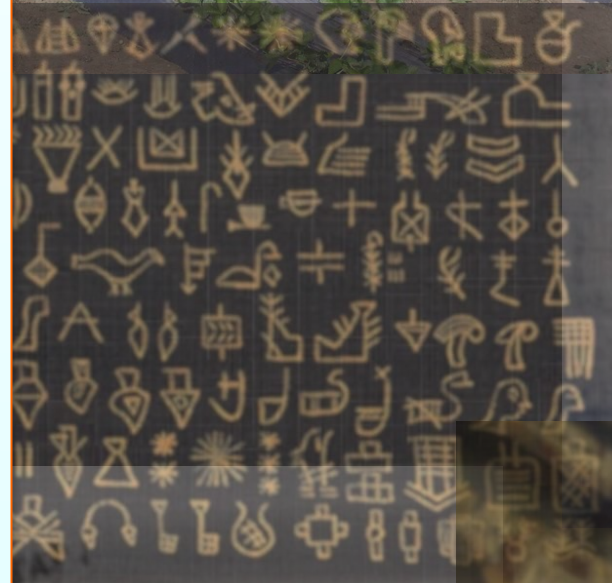
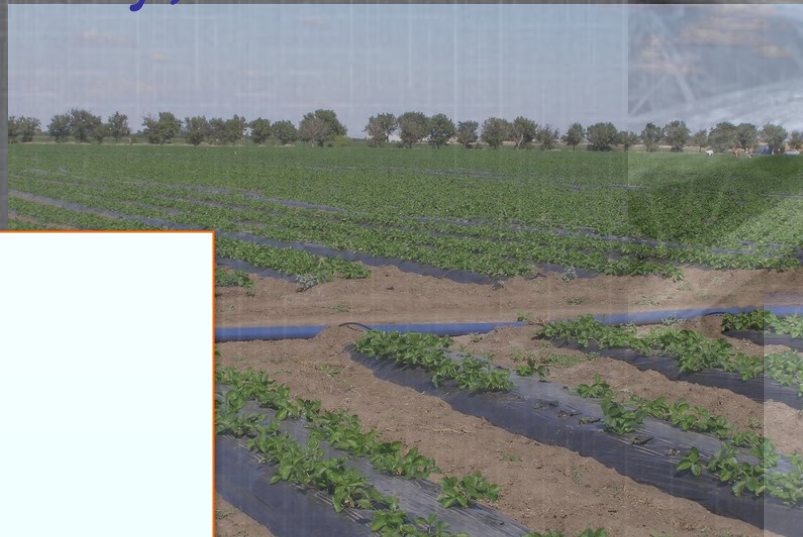
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# BASIC CHARACTERISTICS OF CIVILIZATION

according to the Childe's theory, the 1920-s

- ◎ the invention of writing
- ◎ mathematics
- ◎ monumental architecture
- ◎ long-distance trade
- ◎ wheeled carts
- ◎ irrigation technology

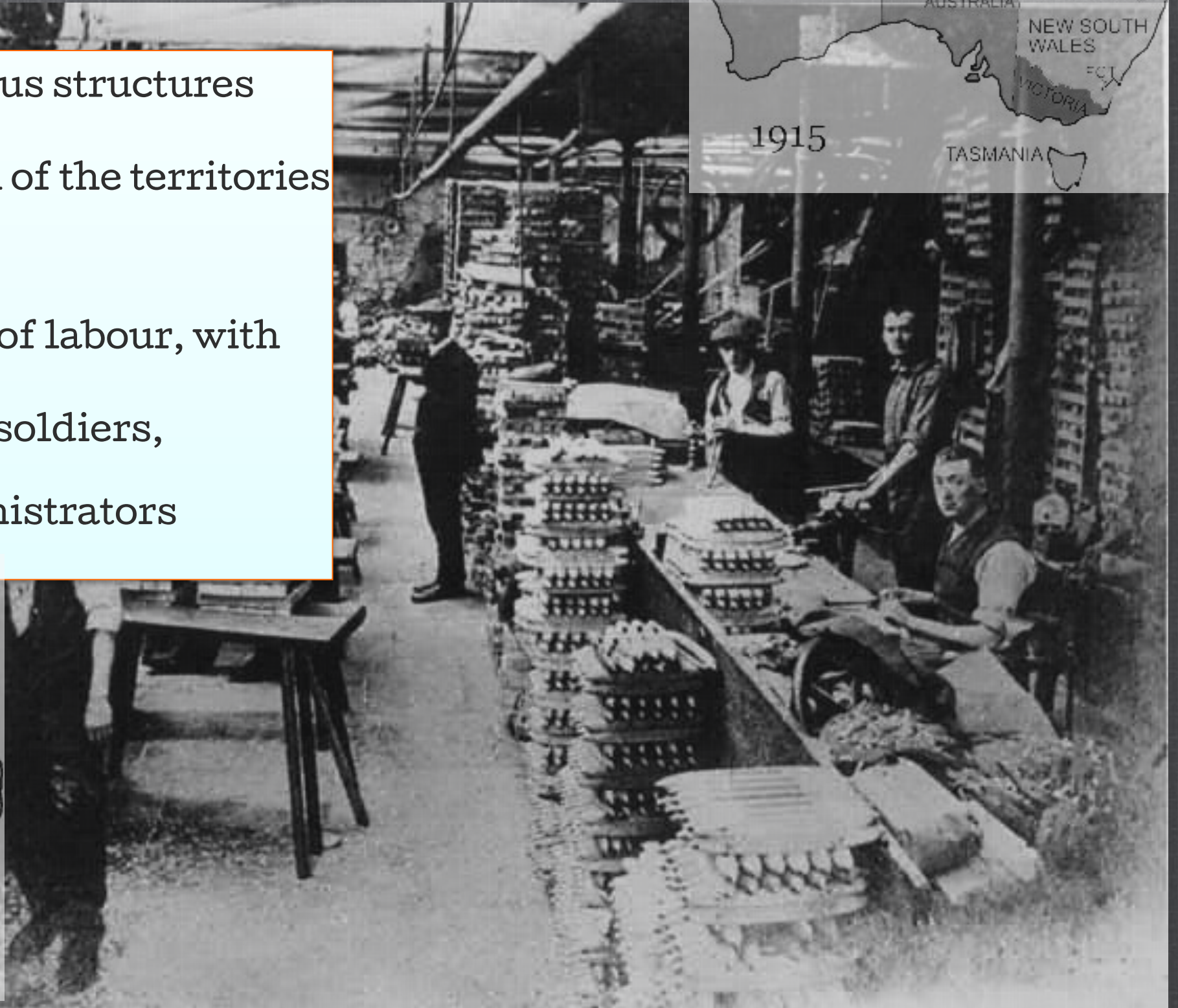




# BASIC CHARACTERISTICS OF CIVILIZATION

according to the modern scholars

- political and religious structures and administration of the territories
- a complex division of labour, with full-time artisans, soldiers, peasants and administrators

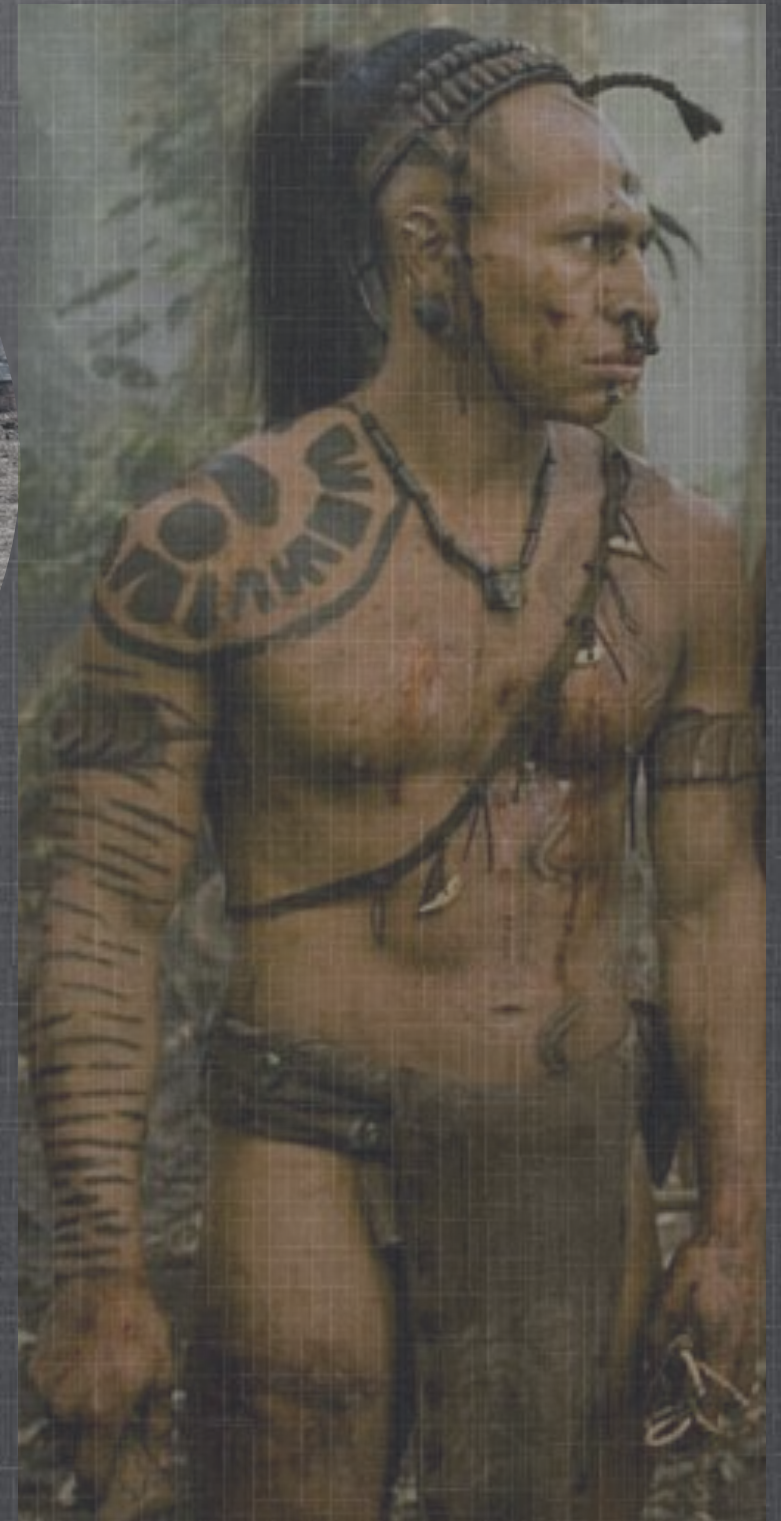




# THEORY OF CULTURAL EVOLUTION

according to anthropologists of the 19-th century

- ◎ savagery
- ◎ barbarism
- ◎ civilization





# STAGES OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

In 1877 Lewis Henry Morgan wrote a book titled Ancient Society, in it the three stages of cultural anthropology were further classified into 7 stages, which are as follows:

## Lower Savagery

From the earliest forms of humanity subsisting on fruits and nuts

## Middle Savagery

Began with the discovery of fishing technology and the use of fire

## Upper Savagery

Began with the invention of bow and arrow

## Lower Barbarism

Began with the art of pottery making

## Middle Barbarism

Began with the domestication of plants and animals in the old world and irrigation/ cultivation in the new world

## Upper Barbarism

Began with the smelting of iron and the use of iron tools

## Civilization

Began with the invention of the phonetic alphabet and writing



# CIVILIZATION DIFFERENCES EAST AND WEST

There are significant differences between Eastern and Western cultures:

- ⦿ the social structures
- ⦿ attitudes of individuals and groups
- ⦿ philosophies

Some of the main differences are summarized in the table below:

	<b>EAST</b>	<b>WEST</b>
Sense of self	Weak	Strong
Sense of interdependence (group)	Strong	Weak
Attitude and focus	Holistic	Analytical and detailed
Life control	The world is complex and we have poor control over events.	The world operates by rules and can be analyzed and controlled
Universal God?	No, there is a universal truth	Yes
Visual attention	Background	Foreground

