History: since the dawn of civilisation

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Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each history word with its meaning.

1 civilisation ____	**a** a large, organised society with cities and government
2 ancient ____	**b** very old, from a long time ago
3 empire ____	**c** a group of countries or territories ruled by one leader
4 ruins ____	**d** the remains of old buildings
5 conquer ____	**e** to take control of a place by force
6 discover ____	**f** to find something for the first time
7 artefact ____	**g** an old object made by humans, studied for its historical value
8 era ____	**h** a distinct period of time in history
9 invade ____	**i** to enter a country by force to take control
10 dynasty ____	**j** a series of rulers from the same family

2 Choose the correct form.

1 This is an ancient / ancienter city.
2 The empire / imperial covered a huge area.
3 We visited the ruins / ruin of an old temple.
4 They conquered / conquer the region long ago.
5 Scientists discovered / discover a new site.
6 This artefact / artefacts is over 2,000 years old.
7 It was an important era / eras in history.
8 The army invaded / invade the country.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

ancient | artefact | civilisation | conquered | discovered | dynasty | empire | ruins

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Site A: Archaeologists 1 _____ the 2 _____ of an
3 _____ temple, once part of a great
4 _____ that ruled the region for centuries.
Site B: A powerful 5 _____ 6 _____ neighbouring lands and
built a lasting 7 _____. One important
8 _____ found there was a golden crown.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 ancient ____	**a** modern
2 conquer ____	**b** lose
3 build ____	**c** destroy
4 discover ____	**d** hide
5 powerful ____	**e** weak
6 rise ____	**f** fall
7 civilised ____	**g** primitive
8 preserve ____	**h** destroy

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

An ancient discovery

Archaeologists recently discovered the ruins of an ancient city buried under sand. The city was once part of a powerful empire that conquered much of the surrounding region. Researchers found several artefacts, including tools and jewellery, which helped them understand daily life during that era. Experts believe the civilisation eventually declined after years of conflict with neighbouring kingdoms.

1 Archaeologists discovered an ancient city. T / F

2 The city was found underwater. T / F

3 The empire conquered nearby regions. T / F

4 No artefacts were found. T / F

5 The artefacts included tools and jewellery. T / F

6 The civilisation declined after conflict. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (of, in, by, over).

1 The empire ruled 1 _____ many lands.

2 This artefact dates back to 2,000 years ago _____ history.

3 The city was conquered _____ a rival army.

4 We learned a lot _____ ancient life.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of an ancient civilisation or historical site you find interesting.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use past tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description factual and clear.

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ANSWER KEY

1 History words

1 a 2 b 3 c 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h 9 i 10 j

2 Choose the correct form

1 ancient 2 empire 3 ruins 4 conquered 5 discovered 6 artefact 7 era 8 invaded

3 Descriptions

1 discovered 2 ruins 3 ancient 4 dynasty 5 empire 6 conquered 7 civilisation 8 artefact

4 Opposites

1 a 2 b 3 c 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - buried under sand.
3 T
4 F - several artefacts were found.
5 T
6 T

6 Prepositions

1 over 2 in 3 by 4 about

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and factual wording.