

1. Check the meaning of the words/phrases in the box. Then try to match them with the highlighted words in the reading. Be careful of their idiomatic meaning in context and their parts of speech.

1. down fall/ruination 2. people who live in a place 3. populated by humans 4. heritage/what remains
5. shapes/figures cut into rock 6. unique 7. breaking down/eroding 8. maximum greatness/pinnacle
9. successfully grew/flourished 10. no plant life/non-productive 11. destroy 12. proves the significance

2. Choose the correct antonym (word of opposite meaning) for the highlighted words from the text.

a) **Barren**

1) Dry

2) Fertile

3) Flat

4) Exposed

b) **Demise**

1) Rise/Advancement

2) Collapse/Catastrophe

3) Determination/Drive

4) Discovery/Gain

c) **Decimate**

1) Wipe out

2) Decide/Choose

3) Create/Build

4) Abolish/Annul

d) **Deteriorate**

1) Deter/Prevent

2) Weaken/Worsen

3) Detach/Separate

4) Improve/Strengthen