

2.1.2 Vocabulary

Lascaux caves	A series of caves in southwestern France where prehistoric paintings were discovered in 1940. The paintings are dated to about 17,000 BC.
Altamira cave	A cave in northern Spain where prehistoric paintings were discovered in 1879. The paintings are believed to be 25,000 to 35,000 years old.
ancient Egypt	A culture that existed on what is modern-day Egypt and surrounding areas. It lasted from around 3000 to 332 BC and is known for building elaborate tombs such as the pyramids.
Minoan civilization	A culture that existed on the island of Crete in modern-day Greece. It lasted from around 2700 to 1450 BC and is known for having created "art for art's sake."
fresco	A painting created by applying water-based color pigments directly to wet plaster on a wall or ceiling.