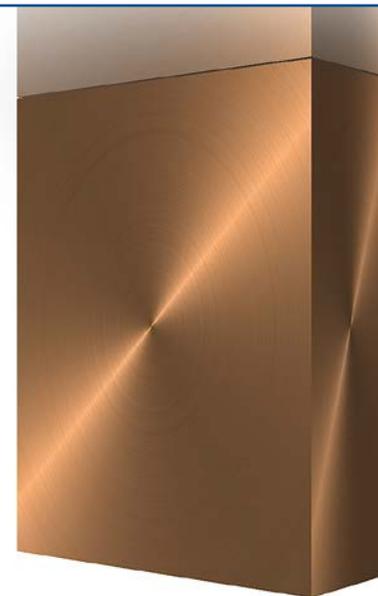




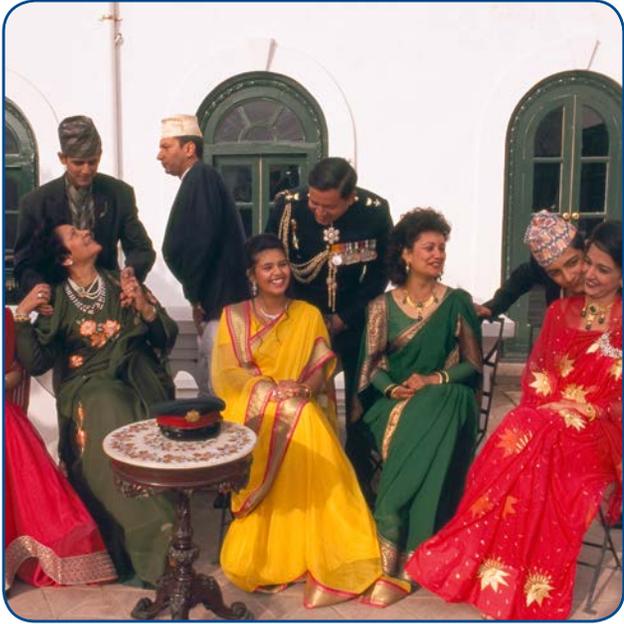
# alluvial soils

# bronze



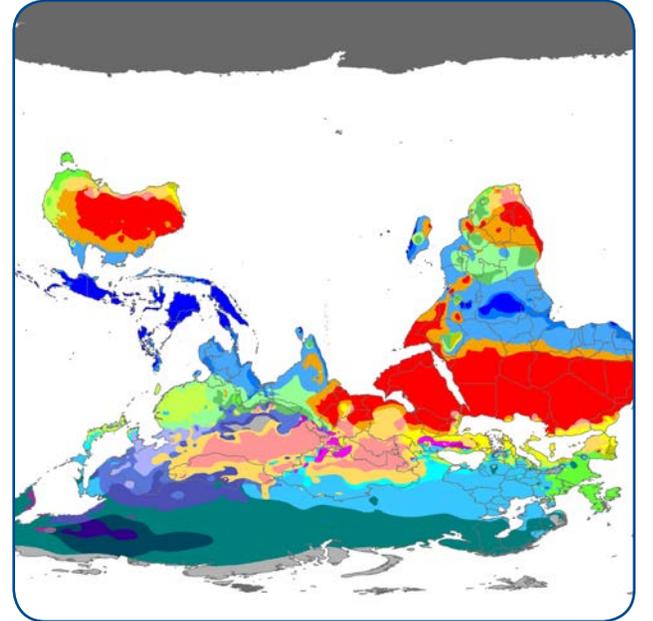
Material deposited by a stream or by running water.

A yellowish-brown metal that is made by mixing copper and tin.



# caste

# climate



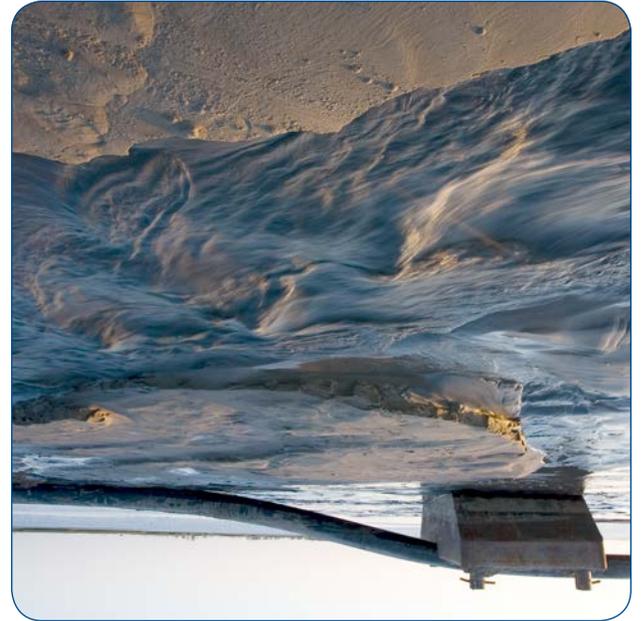
A social class based on hereditary or marital status.

The weather in an area averaged over a long period of time.



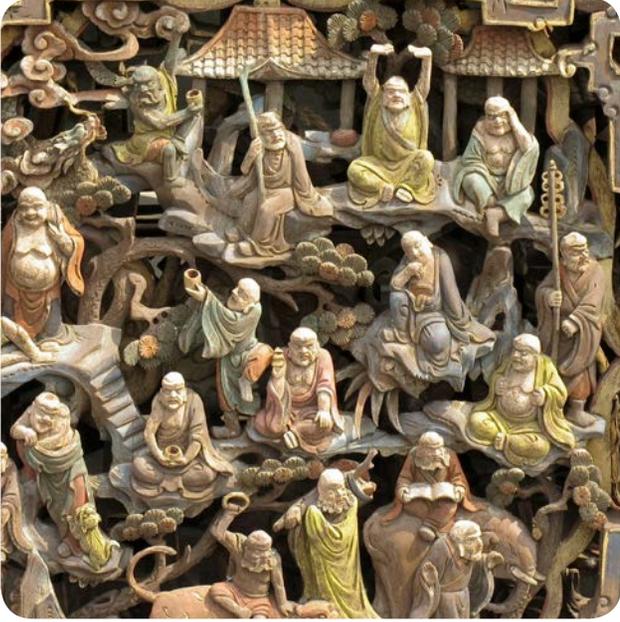
crop

dredging



A type of plant, or the seasonal production of plants, grown by humans for food, animal feed, or fiber.

Removing sand, silt, or mud from the bottom of a body of water.



**dynasty**

**ecosystem  
goods**



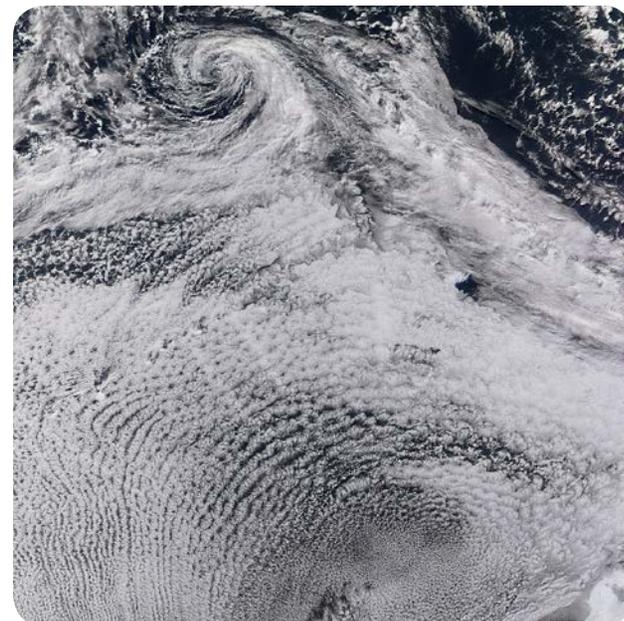
A sequence of rulers from the same family or group.

Materials, such as timber and water, produced by natural systems, that are used by humans.



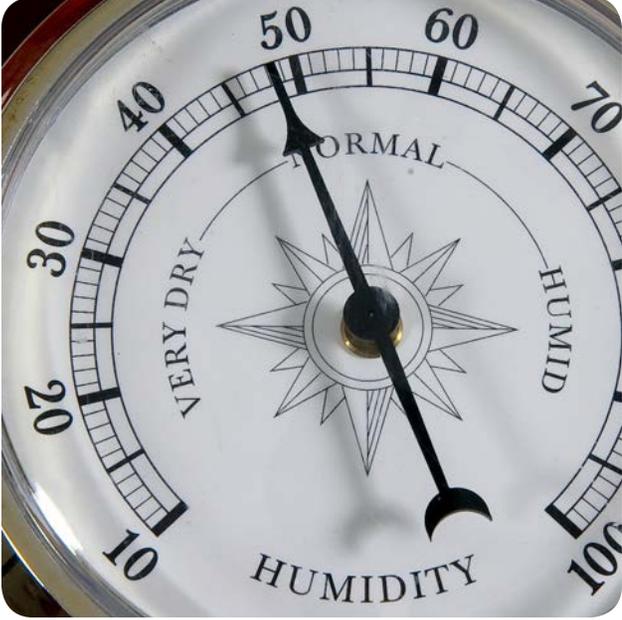
# ecosystem services

# high pressure



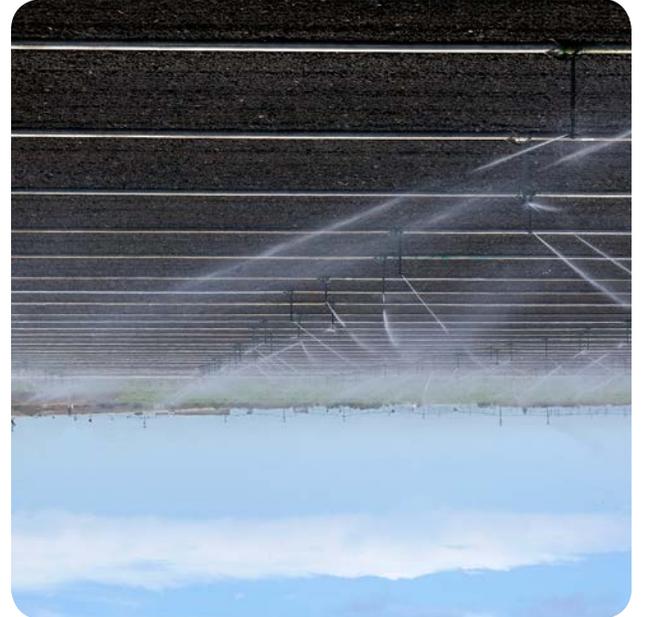
Processes that take place in nature, such as pollination, that support or produce things that help sustain human life, economies, and cultures.

A condition in which the atmospheric pressure of a mass of air is greater than that of the surrounding air.



# humidity

# Irrigation



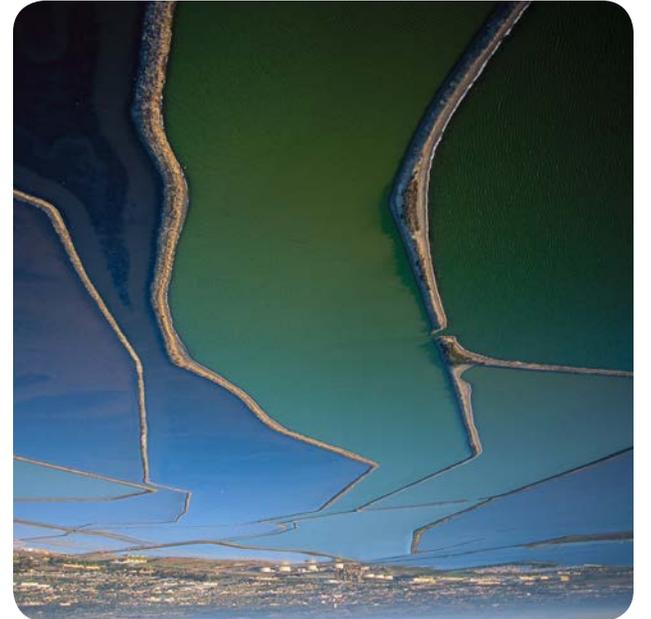
The amount of water vapor in the air.

A system that provides water to land through pipes, artificial channels, or other methods.



# jet stream

# levee



A fast corridor of air flowing  
20,000 feet to 30,000 feet  
(6,096 meters to 9,144 meters)  
above Earth.

A raised bank beside a river, formed  
naturally, or built to control flooding.



# monsoon

# nomad



A seasonal wind that brings heavy rains and flooding.

A member of a tribal people with no permanent home, who travels to find food, pasture, and water for livestock.



oracle

plateau



A person who divines the future.

A large, flat area of land that is higher than the surrounding land.



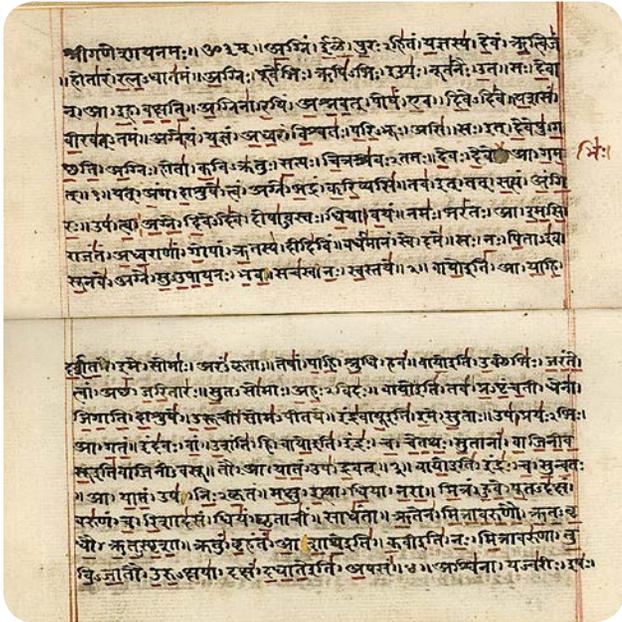
# surplus

# tectonic plate



The amount of goods above the amount needed to meet one's own needs.

A massive piece of solid rock that "drifts" on the surface of Earth's crust.



# Vedas

The most ancient of Sanskrit literature and Hindu scriptures, comprised of hymns to various deities.