**Element 10: Glossary**

**annals:** archives or historical records

**aqueducts:** canals built for carrying water across valleys

**bungle:** to make a lot of mistakes

**carbon sink:** a geographic feature that absorbs or sequesters the excess carbon dioxide in the air, such as an ocean or a forest

**convey:** to communicate or carry meaning

**parable:** a story told to teach a life lesson

**personification:** in poetry, to give human characteristics to an inhuman object

**photosynthesis:** the process by which plants use sunlight and carbon dioxide to generate energy and oxygen

**resiliency:** the ability to quickly resolve difficulties and spring back into shape

**repose:** a calm resting place; a tranquil state

**Roman Empire:** the most extensive Western civilization of ancient times, started by Augustus in Italy in 27 BC

**sustainable:** capable of lasting over time

**terra firma:** solid ground