

## **TABLE 9.1 Reconstructing Categories of Societies in Archaeology**

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### **THE MAJOR CATEGORIES OF SOCIETIES**

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Bands

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Tribes

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Chiefdoms

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States

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Empires

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### **THE MAJOR KINDS OF EVIDENCE ARCHAEOLOGISTS USE TO RECONSTRUCT TYPES OF SOCIETIES**

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Size of population

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Size of settlements

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Sedentariness

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Subsistence strategy

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Variability among houses

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Variability in the distribution of material remains

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Monuments

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Architecture

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Evidence of specialization (e.g., craft areas)

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Iconography

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Mortuary data

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