

**TABLE 2.1 The Unilinear Theory of Cultural Evolution (developed by L.H. Morgan in 1877)**

STAGE	DESCRIPTION
1. Lower Status of Savagery	From the infancy of humankind to the acquisition of a subsistence strategy that includes fishing and controlling fire  No living examples of this stage existed when Morgan developed the theory
2. Middle Status of Savagery	Begins with subsistence that includes fishing and controlling fire, and ends with the use of the bow and arrow
3. Upper Status of Savagery	Begins with the use of the bow and arrow, and ends with the manufacture and use of pottery
4. Lower Status of Barbarism	Begins with pottery and ends with subsistence based on domestic plants and/or animals
5. Middle Status of Barbarism	Begins in the eastern hemisphere with the domestication of animals  Begins in the western hemisphere with the cultivation of maize and other plants  Ends with the process of smelting iron
6. Upper Status of Barbarism	Begins with iron smelting and ends with the invention of a phonetic alphabet and writing
7. Civilization	Begins with the invention of a phonetic alphabet and writing