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1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to *Sid Meier's Civilization V: The Complete Edition*. This manual provides essential information for installing, operating, and maintaining your game. This edition includes the base game, *Sid Meier's Civilization V*, along with its major expansions, *Gods & Kings* and *Brave New World*, and all released downloadable content (DLC) packs. These additions introduce new civilizations, leaders, units, technologies, and gameplay mechanics, offering an expansive strategic experience.

The objective of *Civilization V* is to guide your chosen civilization from the dawn of humanity into the space age, developing its military, technology, culture, and diplomacy to achieve one of several victory conditions.



Image: A grand cityscape, representing the growth and development of an empire within the game.

2. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

2.1 System Requirements

Ensure your computer meets the following minimum specifications for optimal performance:

- **Computer Platform:** PC
- **Operating System:** Windows XP SP3/Vista SP2/7
- **Processor:** Intel Core 2 Duo 1.8 GHz or AMD Athlon X2 64 2.0 GHz
- **Memory:** 2 GB RAM
- **Graphics:** 256 MB ATI HD2600 XT or better, 256 MB nVidia 7900 GS or better, or Core i3 integrated graphics
- **DirectX:** Version 9.0c
- **Hard Drive:** 8 GB free space
- **Sound:** DirectX 9.0c compatible sound card

2.2 Installation Process

Sid Meier's Civilization V: The Complete Edition requires the Steam client for installation and play. Follow these steps:

1. **Install Steam:** If you do not have Steam installed, download and install it from store.steampowered.com. Create a Steam account if you don't have one.
2. **Activate Product Key:** Launch the Steam client, navigate to 'Games' in the top menu, and select 'Activate a Product on Steam...'. Enter the product key provided with your purchase.
3. **Download and Install:** Once the key is activated, the game will appear in your Steam Library. Select it and click 'Install' to begin the download and installation process. This may take some time depending on your internet connection.
4. **Launch Game:** After installation is complete, you can launch the game from your Steam Library.

Note: The game may require significant updates upon initial installation, even if installing from a physical disc, as the digital version on Steam is continuously updated.

3. OPERATING THE GAME (GAMEPLAY)

Civilization V is a turn-based strategy game where players manage an empire through various eras. Key gameplay elements include:

3.1 Core Mechanics

- **Endless Replayability:** Choose from 43 historical leaders, each with unique abilities, units, and buildings. Every game offers a new experience due to randomized maps and diverse AI behaviors.
- **Exploration and Expansion:** Discover new lands, found cities, and expand your territory. Manage resources and city growth to build a powerful empire.
- **Technology and Culture:** Research new technologies to unlock advanced units, buildings, and policies. Develop your culture to adopt social policies and progress through eras.

3.2 Warfare and Diplomacy

- **Huge Battles:** Engage in tactical combat on a hexagonal grid. Utilize ranged bombardment and unit

positioning to achieve victory.

- **Diplomacy:** Interact with other civilizations and city-states. Negotiate treaties, declare war, or form alliances. Each AI leader has distinct personalities and objectives.
- **Espionage:** Send spies to foreign cities to gather intelligence, steal technologies, or influence city-state allegiances.



Image: An in-game map displaying military units and city defenses, illustrating strategic warfare.

3.3 Religion

With the *Gods & Kings* expansion, you can cultivate Great Prophets to found and spread a religion. Customize your religion with beliefs that provide various bonuses to your civilization.



Image: The religion interface, where players can select beliefs and customize their civilization's religion.

3.4 Leaders

The game features numerous historical leaders, each with unique traits that influence gameplay. Understanding their personalities and abilities is crucial for successful diplomacy and strategy.



Image: George Washington, representing one of the many historical leaders available to play.

4. MAINTENANCE

4.1 Game Updates

Civilization V receives updates through the Steam client. Ensure your Steam client is set to automatically update games to keep your installation current and benefit from bug fixes and performance improvements.

4.2 Saving and Loading Games

The game automatically saves progress at regular intervals. You can also manually save your game at any point through the in-game menu. To load a saved game, select 'Load Game' from the main menu.

4.3 Modding

Civilization V supports user-created modifications (mods) through the Steam Workshop. While mods can enhance your gameplay experience, they are not officially supported and may cause compatibility issues or instability. Exercise caution when installing mods and ensure they are from trusted sources.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues while playing *Civilization V*, consider the following troubleshooting steps:

- **Performance Issues:** If the game runs slowly, especially on larger maps or in later stages, try reducing graphical settings in the game's options menu. Ensure your graphics drivers are up to date.
- **Game Crashes:** Verify the integrity of game files through Steam (Right-click game in Library > Properties > Local Files > Verify integrity of game files...). Ensure your system meets minimum requirements.
- **Multiplayer Stability:** Multiplayer games can sometimes experience connectivity issues or difficulty reloading saved sessions. Ensure all players have a stable internet connection and the latest game version.
- **Installation Problems:** If the game fails to install or launch, try reinstalling Steam and the game. Check for sufficient disk space.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Detailed product specifications for *Sid Meier's Civilization V: The Complete Edition*

Feature	Detail
Number of Players	Multiplayer
Publication Date	February 4, 2014
Computer Platform	PC
Global Trade Identification Number (GTIN)	00710425413155
UPC	012301019636, 710425413155
ASIN	B00HWMP0TU
Release Date	February 4, 2014
Product Dimensions	0.45 x 5.23 x 7.5 inches
Type of Item	DVD-ROM (requires Steam for installation)
Language	English
Rated	Everyone 10+
Item Model Number	41315
Item Weight	3.2 ounces
Manufacturer	2K
Date First Available	January 15, 2014

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

As a software product, *Sid Meier's Civilization V: The Complete Edition* is typically covered by the End User License Agreement (EULA) accepted during installation. For specific warranty details, please refer to the EULA included with the game.

For technical support, game-related issues, or further assistance, please visit the official 2K Support website or the Steam Support page for *Civilization V*. These resources provide FAQs, troubleshooting guides, and contact options for direct support.

- **2K Support:** <https://support.2k.com/>
- **Steam Support:** <https://help.steampowered.com/>