

## Key Unit Vocabulary

This report provides a summary of key vocabulary for this unit. For each word, you will find the definition, part of speech, word forms (plurals/tenses), synonyms, and examples of how the word, or forms of the word, are used in a sentence.

### authority

- the right, power, or ability to give orders, make decisions, or demand or compel obedience

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	authorities, authoritative, authoritatively
<b>Synonyms:</b>	command, control, power
<b>In a sentence:</b>	As the principal, she has the greatest amount of authority in this school.

### belief system

- a set of principles or tenets which together form the basis of a religion, philosophy, or moral code

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	belief systems
<b>Synonyms:</b>	value system
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Cheating on a test violates her personal belief system.

### causation

- the act or process of causing (to make happen; creating or influencing)

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	cause, causes, causality
<b>Synonyms:</b>	reason, motivation, source
<b>In a sentence:</b>	When looking through articles about the fall of the Han, you want to focus on causation as well as long-term effects.

### claim testers

- strategies to decide whether a story or concept should or should not be trusted

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	claim tester, claim testing
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The four strategies for testing a claim that we use in World History are intuition, authority, logic, and evidence.

### compare

- to note the likenesses and differences of

<b>Part of speech:</b>	verb
<b>Word forms:</b>	compares, comparing, compared, comparison
<b>Synonyms:</b>	liken
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The professor compared the economic system in the US with the economic system in China.

## Confucianism

- the ethical teachings of Confucius, which emphasize respect for and veneration of ancestors, devotion to family and friends, cultivation and discipline of the mind, and social responsibility

<b>Part of speech:</b>	proper noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	Confucianist
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Chinese dynasties throughout history used Confucianism as their guiding principles in government and life.

## consequence

- that which follows; result

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	consequences, consequently
<b>Synonyms:</b>	result, effect, outcome
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The tenant's fall in the stairway was a direct consequence of the landlord's neglect of the property.

## continuity

- things that are constant over time; something in an uninterrupted state

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	continuities, continual, continuous, continuance
<b>Synonyms:</b>	cohesion
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The film's story line lacks continuity, so I was often confused about what was going on.

## culture

- the sum of the language, customs, beliefs, and art considered characteristic of a particular group of people

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	cultures, cultural, culturing, cultured
<b>Synonyms:</b>	civilization, folkway
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The Catholic Church has played a large role in the development of French culture.

## dynasty

- a succession, lasting several generations, of rulers from the same family or group

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	dynasties, dynastic, dynastically
<b>Synonyms:</b>	empire, regime
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The 800-year dynasty came to an end when rebel forces attacked the royal palace, killing the last of the imperial family.

## empire

- territory controlled by a central government, with one supreme ruler, who governs a diverse population

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	empires
<b>Synonyms:</b>	kingdom, domain
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The Ottoman Empire ruled over a vast territory with multiple ethnicities and belief systems.

## enslaved

- to cause to be a slave or to be in a condition of bondage

<b>Part of speech:</b>	verb
<b>Word forms:</b>	enslaves, enslaving, enslave
<b>Synonyms:</b>	subjugated, coerced, imprisoned, forced
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The Romans enslaved thousands of people, with many being owned by the state to work in agricultural and mining industries.

## hierarchy

- a body of persons or entities graded according to rank or level of authority

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	hierarchies, hierarchical
<b>Synonyms:</b>	ranking, classification
<b>In a sentence:</b>	An admiral ranks at the top of the naval hierarchy.

## maritime

- of or concerning seagoing vessels, or intended for use in navigation at sea

<b>Part of speech:</b>	adjective
<b>Word forms:</b>	mariner
<b>Synonyms:</b>	marine, nautical, naval
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Ship captains must obey maritime laws.

## migration

- the act or process of moving from one region into another

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	migrations, migrant, migratory, migrate
<b>Synonyms:</b>	journey, movement, exodus
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Their ancestors' migration from the east finally led to them settling in this small western mining town.

## monotheism

- the belief that there is only one supreme being

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	monotheist, monotheistic, monotheistically
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Monotheism is a core belief of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

## mosque

- a Muslim place of worship

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	mosques
<b>Synonyms:</b>	temple, church, place of worship
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The Muslim family made their way to the neighborhood mosque when they heard the call to prayer.

## polytheistic

- the belief in more than one god

<b>Part of speech:</b>	adjective
<b>Word forms:</b>	polytheist, polytheistically
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Christianity is not a polytheistic religion because it only accepts the existence of one god.

## prophet

- a teacher, leader, or spokesperson of a movement or cause, especially a religious one, who is believed to be the recipient of some special inspiration or revelation

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	prophets, prophetic
<b>Synonyms:</b>	guide, messenger
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The Hebrew prophet Ezekiel foretold the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple.

## ritual

- an established and prescribed procedure for a ceremony, especially a religious one

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	rituals, ritualistic
<b>Synonyms:</b>	ceremony, custom, practice
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Drinking sips of rice wine is part of the traditional marriage ritual in Japan.

## society

- a community or group of people who live in the same country or area and are linked with each other by such things as laws and customs

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	societies, societal
<b>Synonyms:</b>	community, association, network, group
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Every society considers some behaviors acceptable and others unacceptable.

## state

- the population of a specific area unified under a single government

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	states
<b>Synonyms:</b>	nation
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The leaders of many foreign states will attend the meeting.

## trade

- the act of buying and selling commodities, or all such acts collectively

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	tradeable, tradeless
<b>Synonyms:</b>	commerce, business, exchange
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The new treaty will strongly affect trade between the two countries.

## trade network

- a series of roads, waterways, railroads, and air routes that allow groups to trade goods with one another; a loose organization of societies that exchange goods with each other

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	trade networks
<b>Synonyms:</b>	exchange network
<b>In a sentence:</b>	In both ancient and modern times, trade networks have allowed for cultural exchange between societies.