

## 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.

### administration

- the act of directing or managing

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	administrations, administrative
<b>Synonyms:</b>	management, supervision
<b>In a sentence:</b>	She has great skill in the administration of her business.

### biological

- of or pertaining to the growth, development, and functioning of living things

<b>Part of speech:</b>	adjective
<b>Word forms:</b>	biologic, biologically
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The plants and animals transferred in the Columbian Exchange eventually decreased global biological diversity.

### bureaucrat

- an official in a government office, especially one who follows rules and routines rather than personal judgment

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	bureaucrats, bureaucratic
<b>Synonyms:</b>	official, politician, civil servant
<b>In a sentence:</b>	European empires often sent bureaucrats to run day-to-day operations in their colonies.

### capital

- money or other wealth owned or used by a business

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	capitalism, capitalist
<b>Synonyms:</b>	finances, funds, working capital
<b>In a sentence:</b>	We will be expanding our business as soon as we get enough capital.

## capitalism

- an economic system in which the means of production and distribution are privately owned and prices are chiefly determined by open competition in a free market

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	capitalist, capitalists
<b>Synonyms:</b>	commercialism, competition, free market
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The individual's right to pursue material wealth with little interference from government is considered one of the defining principles of capitalism.

## cash crop

- a crop grown for sale to others rather than for personal use

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	cash crops
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	During the 1800s, tobacco was one of the biggest cash crops in the United States.

## chattel slavery

- the ownership of a person as property or chattel

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	
<b>Synonyms:</b>	bondage
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The horrific system of chattel slavery endorsed the buying and selling of people as property.

## coerce

- to intimidate or force a person usually by fear of violence

<b>Part of speech:</b>	verb
<b>Word forms:</b>	coerced, coercer, coercible
<b>Synonyms:</b>	force, compel, bully
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The plantation owners coerce the enslaved by threatening to beat them if they did not do what was asked of them.

## colonization

- the act or process of forming colonies (territories governed by a distant country, often occupied by a number of citizens of that country)

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	colonizer, colonize, colony
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The earliest explorations and attempts at colonization of Florida by Europeans were made by the Spanish.

## commodity

- a raw material that can be bought and sold

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	commodify, commodities
<b>Synonyms:</b>	goods
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Commodities like sugar and cacao were carried across the Atlantic Ocean to European cities.

## demographic

- of or relating to the study of human populations, involving statistical analysis of size, distribution, density, migration, fertility, and the like

<b>Part of speech:</b>	adjective
<b>Word forms:</b>	demographics, demographically, demography
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Demographic information helps advertisers decide the best locations to launch their ad campaigns.

## economic

- of or pertaining to the production and distribution of goods, wealth, and services

<b>Part of speech:</b>	adjective
<b>Word forms:</b>	economy, economies
<b>Synonyms:</b>	fiscal, commercial
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Women's economic position improved during World War II, as they took over jobs previously held by men.

## 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.

## exploitation

- the selfish or unfair using of someone or something for one's own advantage

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	exploit, exploiting, exploited
<b>Synonyms:</b>	abuse, taking advantage
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The exploitation of the enslaved kept labor costs down for plantations in early America.

## export

- to send or transport abroad, usually for sale or trade

<b>Part of speech:</b>	verb
<b>Word forms:</b>	exports, exported, exporter
<b>Synonyms:</b>	ship, transport, sell overseas
<b>In a sentence:</b>	China will export more goods than it imports into the country.

## finance

- the management of money or other assets

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	finances, financial
<b>Synonyms:</b>	banking, business
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The treasury is that part of a government that is concerned primarily with finance.

## free market

- an economic system in which prices are determined by unrestricted competition between privately owned businesses

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	
<b>Synonyms:</b>	capitalism, laissez-faire
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Much of the world today operates within a free-market economy.

## indentured servant

- a person who is bound to work without pay in the service of another for a specified length of time, especially in exchange for the cost of travel, food, and lodging

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	indentured servitude
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	She originally came to the colonies as an indentured servant, but ran away before the end of her contract.

## labor

- the entire body of workers, especially as distinguished from management

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	labors, laborer
<b>Synonyms:</b>	work force
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The suggested compromise wasn't satisfactory to either labor or management.

## mercantilism

- the doctrine, developed in the West after the decline of feudalism, that a nation's economy could be strengthened by governmental protection of home industries, by increased foreign exports, and by accumulating gold and silver

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	mercantilist
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	England developed many colonies under the economic policy of mercantilism in order to increase its trading territory.

## missionary

- a person desiring to convert others to a principle or set of beliefs

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	missionaries, mission
<b>Synonyms:</b>	apostle, converter, evangelist, propagandist, proselytizer
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Various missionary societies have established schools tied to a particular faith.

## monopoly

- complete control over a service or commodity within a given market, so that competition is eliminated

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	monopolies, monopolistic
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	At the time, one telephone company had a monopoly over phone services in the entire region.

## plantation

- a large estate used for cultivating commercial crops such as rubber, tea, cotton, sugar, or coffee

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	plantations
<b>Synonyms:</b>	estate, homestead
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Haiti was once the most profitable island in the Caribbean with many sugar plantations.

## plantation system

- a capitalist economic system dependent on enslaved labor

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The plantation system in America forced the enslaved to endure harsh conditions.

## resistance

- the act of refusing to comply with something

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	resist, resisted
<b>Synonyms:</b>	Defiance, opposition, struggle
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Resistance to European colonization took many different forms, from violence and rebellion to quiet noncooperation.