## Purpose

## In this activity, you’ll get a preview of some of the vocabulary you’ll encounter in the unit. This glimpse will enable you to connect these words with their meanings when you come upon them in the lessons that follow. If you’re already familiar with any of the words, this opener will activate that prior knowledge or experience.

## Process

1. Take a few minutes to match the vocab term with the definition by writing the number of the definition next to the matching term.
2. You may not recognize some of these terms; try your best to match them using context and prior knowledge.
3. Be prepared to share your answers and reasons for choosing the matching definition.

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| caravan | 1. An official in a government office, especially one who follows rules and routines rather than personal judgment. |
| feudalism | 1. Free and independent, as a state or an organism; self-governing. |
| chronology | 1. The pilgrimage to Mecca that every Muslim is expected to make at least once during Dhul al-Hijjah. |
| hajj | 1. A band of people traveling together for safety, especially across a desert. |
| autonomous | 1. A disaster with widespread effects. |
| catastrophe | 1. A system of economic and political organization, as in Europe in the Middle Ages, in which one person would pledge to support another person; for example, a knight might pledge to fight when needed in exchange for land from the king. |
| Monsoon Marketplace | 1. A network of Indian Ocean trade routes that connected people, goods, and ideas. |
| bureaucrat | 1. The order of events in time. |
| patronage | 1. A 200-year-long period in Roman history during which the empire experienced relative peace. |
| Pax Romana | 1. The support, guardianship, or sponsorship provided to artistic endeavors, museums, and the like. |