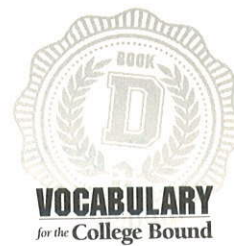


Lesson Eighteen



1. **colonialism** (kə lōn' ē əl izm) *noun* a policy that is based on one country's acquisition and rule of an area in another country
Beginning in the fifteenth century, dominant countries explored and conquered other territories, beginning an era of *colonialism*, which lasted until the middle of the twentieth century.
2. **demographics** (dem ə grāf' ɪks) *noun* the statistical data, such as age, race, gender, income, etc., regarding a population
Modern politicians understand that *demographics* change: people move, marry, raise children, and others die, all of which must be taken into account.
3. **ethnocentrism** (eth nō sən' trizm) *noun* the belief that one's own ethnic or cultural group is superior to all others
Beliefs in *ethnocentrism*, such as one country's feeling that its heritage is better than its neighbors', can lead to extreme nationalism and then to wars.
4. **fratricide** (fra' trə sīd) *noun* the killing of a brother
One way Cleopatra rose to power was the *fratricide* of her two older brothers and marrying the remaining younger one.
5. **genocide** (jen' ə sīd) *noun* the deliberate extermination of a racial, national, ethnic, or cultural group
To many settlers, the only solution that would allow them to live in the American West was the *genocide* of Native American tribes already there.
6. **ideology** (ī dē əl' ə jē) *noun* a strong belief or system of beliefs, usually one that does not allow others
The dominant *ideology* of Communism is that the wealth of a country should be shared by all of its citizens, but that concept has never been successful.
7. **imperialism** (im pēr' ē əl izm) *noun* the idea and practice of extending the rule of one country over others
By the time of the American Revolution in 1776, British *imperialism* was also subjugating parts of Central and South America, most of India, and portions of Africa.
8. **isolationism** (sə lā' shən izm) *adj.* the policy of not having economic or political relationships with other countries; the word can be applied to an individual who avoids becoming involved in other people's affairs
Woodrow Wilson's policies of *isolationism* were based on his 1912 campaign slogan, "He kept us out of war!"

9. **lingua franca** (lĕng' wə frānk' ə) *noun* any language that is used as a means of communicating among people who do not speak the same language
While English is the preferred *lingua franca* of today, in the future, a different language may be the dominant one.
10. **mercantilism** (mər' kən tēl izm) *noun* the economic system that favors foreign trade to keep a nation secure
Countries that traded goods by land and those that were seafaring depended primarily on *mercantilism*, not physical power, to work with other countries.
11. **orthodox** (ôrth' ə dăx) *adj.* conforming to strict beliefs
The band's leader demanded an *orthodox* dress code for each musician ever since the drummer wanted to wear a ripped white T-shirt.
12. **primogeniture** (prī mō jent' shər) *noun* the practice that gives an inheritance to the first-born male heir or, in some cases, the firstborn child
In 1999, the Jordanian Prince Abdullah, a man in favor of closer ties with America, inherited power from his father, King Hussein; through *primogeniture*, Abdullah became the new King of Jordan.
13. **reparations** (rep ə rā shənz) *noun* payments made by a defeated nation; payments made in order to compensate for wrongs committed in the past
It has been estimated that if *reparations* were ever made to Africa because of slavery, the cost would exceed the total worth of all industrialized countries in the world.
14. **theocracy** (thē äk' rə sē) *noun* the rule of a country based on religious beliefs
The United States could never be a *theocracy* because the First Amendment prohibits any state-sponsored religion.
15. **xenophobia** (zen ə fō' bē ə) *noun* a fear or dislike of foreigners or strangers
Xenophobia and a desire for security are two reasons that most Japanese citizens living on the West Coast of America were put in "War Relocation Camps" after Pearl Harbor.