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Lesson 5.0

capitalism

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Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Marx argued that capitalism was the key feature of the modern world but created such profound inequality that it would eventually have to be abolished in a future socialist society.

imperialism

Definition	the policy of extending the rule or authority of one nation over others by territorial acquisition or through economic or political dominance
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The emperor continued on his military rampage in the name of imperialism.

industrialization

Definition	the introduction of industry into a region or country
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Industrialization improved the country's economy.

liberal

Definition	relating to democratic forms of government rather than monarchies or aristocracies; (in a political context) relating to or denoting a political and social philosophy that promotes individual rights, civil liberties, democracy, and free enterprise
Part of speech	adjective/noun
Use in sentence	The new leader wished to establish a liberal form of government in a country that had never known political freedom.

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nationalism

Definition	the idea that citizens of a country are part of something bigger than themselves and that they are loyal to a set of national ideals and practices
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	A wave of nationalism swept the country after its citizens were attacked.

socialism

Definition	a political or economic theory in which community members own all property, resources, and the means of production, and control the distribution of goods
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Individuals who think community members should own and control property, production, and distribution subscribe to socialism.

sovereignty

Definition	the power of self-government, with independence from outside control; autonomy
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The nation's military fought valiantly to maintain their country's sovereignty, but ultimately they were no match for their rivals to the north.

Lesson 5.1

abolish

Definition	to do away with; to put a stop to
Part of speech	verb
Use in sentence	They argued over whether the death penalty should be abolished.

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conservative

Definition	a person who favors the traditional and opposes rapid change; (in a political context) favoring free enterprise, private ownership, and socially traditional ideas
Part of speech	noun/adjective
Use in sentence	As a conservative, the minister was uncomfortable with the way he saw the church changing.

gender

Definition	the sex of a person or animal
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The hiring guidelines are designed to reduce discrimination based on gender.

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nation-state

Definition	the modern autonomous (self-governing) nation, considered as a unit of political organization
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Albania is a small nation-state of around 3 million people.

reform

Definition	the improvement of wrong or bad conditions
Part of speech	noun/verb

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Use in sentence	People with a wide variety of occupations demanded labor reforms.
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suffrage

Definition	the right to vote in a political election
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Some states imposed obstacles to restrict the suffrage of African Americans.

Lesson 5.2

aristocracy

Definition	a high-ranking social class, having special privileges and influence
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	She was born into the aristocracy and was expected to marry someone of her own class.

autonomy

Definition	freedom and independence; self-governance
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Most teenagers want autonomy even though they are still highly dependent on their parents.

bourgeoisie

Definition	the middle class
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The American bourgeoisie is finding college tuition increasingly unaffordable.

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ethnic nationalism

Definition	a form of nationalism wherein the nation is defined by a shared heritage, which usually includes a common language, a common faith, and a common ethnic ancestry
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Ethnic nationalism has become an extremely consequential force throughout first, second, and third world countries.

liberal

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radical

Definition	a person who advocates fundamental or extreme social and political changes
Part of speech	noun/adjective
Use in sentence	Some of the radicals were arrested and put in jail for their violent protests.

republic

Definition	a form of government in which delegates represent the interests of varied constituencies
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	After the king was dethroned, the country became a republic led by a democratically selected leader.

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fossil fuel

Definition	natural carbon-rich fuels that are formed over long periods of time and release greenhouse gases when burned
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Since 1750, the burning of fossil fuels has added more and more carbon dioxide to the atmosphere, rapidly warming the planet and causing climate change.

industrial capitalist

Definition	a person who advocates for an economic system in which industry, trade, and capital are all privately owned and operated for profit
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The industrial capitalists wanted Congress to pass an act to diminish governmental control of trade relations.

industrialization

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innovation

Definition	a new method, approach, or idea
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Thanks to the innovation of the Wright brothers, we have aircraft that allow us to travel swiftly and safely today.

locomotion

Definition	the act of moving or the power to move from one place to another
Part of speech	noun

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Use in sentence	The steam engine and subsequent creation of railways led to the revolutionary beginning of mechanical locomotion.
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manufacture

Definition	to make by machine, usually in great quantities
Part of speech	noun/verb
Use in sentence	This factory manufactures machine parts.

textile

Definition	a woven or knitted fabric; a fiber or yarn that can be woven or knitted
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The empire's main trade interest was ornate textiles.

Lesson 5.4

commodity

Definition	something with a practical use or value
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Fertile land and drinkable water have always been precious commodities.

deindustrialization

Definition	the reduction or destruction of a nation's or region's industrial capacity
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The country went through deindustrialization due to the increase in the export of goods.

exploitation

Definition	the selfish or unfair using of someone or something for one's own advantage
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Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The exploitation of enslaved people kept labor costs down for plantations in early America.

famine

Definition	an extreme and widespread shortage of food
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	People were starving due to the famine caused by severe flooding in the region.

social mobility

Definition	the ability of people to move up in wealth or status
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Social mobility in early modern Europe was generally easier in cities than in rural areas.

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wage laborer

Definition	a person who works for a set amount of money and is usually paid by the hour
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	More people became wage laborers with the creation of the factory system during the Industrial Revolution.

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fossil fuel

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infrastructure

Definition	the physical assets and systems that enable our daily lives, including transportation, energy, buildings, and sanitation
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Extreme weather events like floods, hurricanes, and wildfires can damage or destroy infrastructure.

innovation

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locomotive

Definition	steam powered railway engines that are used to pull trains
Part of speech	noun/adjective
Use in sentence	The locomotive made it possible to move people and goods more rapidly and inexpensively across large areas of land.

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debt

Definition	something owed to another, such as money or services
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Your debt to the bank is now \$20,000.

export

Definition	the act or practice of sending goods abroad for sale or trade
Part of speech	noun/verb
Use in sentence	The export of textiles and cotton was important to the Indian economy.

Industrial Revolution

Definition	a period of technological innovation starting in England late in the eighteenth century that resulted in a major change in the way goods were produced and caused a major shift in global economics
Part of speech	proper noun
Use in sentence	The Industrial Revolution transformed the world's economies and led to technological advancements that made existing industries more efficient.

manufacturing

Definition	the use of labor, machinery, and chemical processes to turn raw materials into products like cement, steel, and plastic
Part of speech	verb/noun
Use in sentence	The manufacturing processes we use to create concrete, steel, glass, and other materials produce almost a third of humanity's annual carbon emissions.

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reform

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Use in sentence	People with a wide variety of occupations demanded labor reforms.

tariff

Definition	a government tax on imports or exports, or a rate or schedule of such taxes; duty
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The government imposed tariffs to encourage its people to buy domestic goods.

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abolition

Definition	the act of doing away with something
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	In his speeches, he called for the abolition of slavery.

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chattel slavery

Definition	the ownership of a person as property or chattel
Part of speech	noun

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Use in sentence	The horrific system of chattel slavery endorsed buying and selling people as property.
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industrial capitalism

Definition	an economic system that combines capitalism with intense manufacturing production in factories, characterized by division of labor to increase efficiency
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Industrial capitalism changed how goods were produced.

joint-stock company

Definition	a business in which investors share ownership by buying stock and share both the profits and risks of doing business
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	During the Industrial Revolution, entrepreneurs often formed a joint-stock company to pool money for building railroads and factories.

proletariat

Definition	the working class, especially those that lack wealth and must sell their usually unskilled labor in order to survive
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The revolutionaries declared that factories and other means of production should be handed over to the proletariat.

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social class

Definition	when people have different status based on their wealth, occupation, education, and similar factors
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Reformers in Russia looked to soften or erase the distinction between such social classes as the serfs and the nobility.

union

Definition	an organization of laborers; trade union
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The teachers' union negotiated higher salaries for all teachers in the school district.

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class-consciousness

Definition	when people believe they belong to and feel solidarity with a specific social and economic group or rank in society
Part of speech	noun

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Use in sentence	During the Industrial Revolution, growing class-consciousness led to the rise of labor reform movements.
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collective bargaining

Definition	process by which unions negotiate with employers for better working conditions such as set breaks, better pay, and health benefits
Part of speech	noun phrase
Use in sentence	The teachers' union entered collective bargaining talks to demand higher wages.

Marxist

Definition	a supporter of political theorist Karl Marx who believes in a classless society where the means of production should be owned by workers
Part of speech	noun/adjective
Use in sentence	Bob became a Marxist and fought against the ills of capitalism.

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poverty

Definition	the condition of being poor or lacking the necessary means of support
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Despite their work in the linen mill, the family lived in poverty.

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taxation

Definition	practice of collecting money (taxes) from people, usually imposed by a government upon its citizens
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Taxation was one of the main causes of the eighteenth-century political revolutions in America and France.