

US History Vocabulary...Explained!

Why do we have to do vocabulary?

- It helps you to learn the material
- It helps you to be a better writer
- It helps you to understand the multiple choice questions better---and to get more correct answers!

How will we use vocabulary in class?

- Define
 - Vocabulary Lists
 - Starred words- have stars next to them, ☺ definitions can be found in the US Common Vocabulary document in the back of this packet
 - These words are not necessarily regular social studies words but are often found in the multiple choice on the Regents.
 - Important people- are underlined on the vocabulary lists, definitions can be found on the US Key People document in the back of this packet
 - Where can you find the definitions?
 - Class notes
 - Castle Learning
 - Borrow a textbook
 - Websites
 - Sparknotes Flashcards- <http://www.sparknotes.com/flashcards>
 - Quizlet- Be careful to select the best definition. Here's the link to my page: <http://quizlet.com/mrsclemens>
 - Why should you stay away from the internet otherwise?
 - You tend to get definitions that are either too complicated or don't actually relate to history or to our class. Why study something that that is too complicated or wrong?
- Association
 - It helps you to see how the words connect to each other
 - It gives you clues to look for when answering multiple choice questions
 - It will assist you in writing essays
- Multiple Choice
 - Directly apply the vocabulary to what you need to know for the Regents!
- Quizzes
 - Matching- 15 terms, 15 definitions---match them! There is always an opportunity for bonus points on matching quizzes.
 - Paragraph- write 1-2 paragraphs using 8 of the 15 words from the vocabulary list---this is going to help you to write better essays!!!
- Games- Yup, sometimes we will play games with the vocabulary!

Extra Credit

- Flash Cards- Can be made on any list at any point in the school year---so if you want to save them all for the 4th quarter, you can! 10 points of extra credit per list completed. Be sure to label which list it is and put your name on the top card.

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- Paragraphs- Basically, if we have a matching quiz for the vocabulary---you can choose to write 2 paragraphs (like the Paragraph Quizzes mentioned above) for extra credit. Points awarded depend on the quality of your paragraphs. Maximum of 10 points extra credit available.