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**Lesson TEN Vocabulary**

***All the words in this lesson may be used in reference to history and historical events.***

**Aggressor:** N. a person or country starting hostile action *(Germany was the aggressor in World War II.)*

**Annals:** N. records or documents of events *(The Dark Ages are described in the annals of history.)*

**Authenticate:** V. to verify as true or genuine *(These documents will authenticate his royal heritage.)*

**Bondage:** N. slavery; serfdom *(The Civil War ended bondage in the United States.)*

**Clemency:** N. leniency; mercy *(Clemency was rare in the medieval courts because the laws were harsh.)*

**Colonization:** N. settling; founding *(Spain, France, and England participated in the colonization of North America.)*

**Contingent:** ADJ. dependent on something else *(Determining the precise location of the ancient city is contingent on archaeological discoveries.)*

**Decadence:** N. mental or moral decay *(One factor leading to the downfall of the Roman Empire was decadence.)*

**Despotism:** N. tyranny; absolute power *(Because of the despotism of the king, the peasants suffered many hardships.)*

**Dictator:** N. a ruler having complete authority, power, and control *(Hitler was a dictator.)*

**Downgrade:** V. to lower the importance or value of *(The restaurant has downgraded its service.)*

**Genealogy:** N. family history *(When Sara researched her genealogy, she discovered she was related to Madame Curie.)*

**Liberate:** V. to set free *(The purpose of the war was to liberate the serfs from oppression.)*

**Liberator:** N. one who sets free *(The liberator was considered a hero after the emancipation.)*

**Monarchy:** N. government by a single, hereditary ruler *(The queen of this monarchy welcomes the advice of her cabinet members.)*

**Neutral:** ADJ. not taking sides in a dispute *(By declaring itself neutral, the country hoped neither, the country hoped neither army would invade.)*

**Nomadic:** ADJ. wandering; roving *(Nomadic tribes roamed the deserts of North Africa.)*

**Obliterate:** V. to destroy, leaving no trace *(Natural disasters have been known to obliterate entire cities.)*

**Subjugate:** V. to conquer; to dominate *(The purpose of conquest is to subjugate a nation or group of people.)*

**Unprecedented:** ADJ. never happening or seen before (A four term presidency was unprecedented in our country’s history.)

**Directions:** Choose the letter of the word set that best completes the sentence.

1. Our family is proud to have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Liberator – genealogy c. aggressor – bondage
   2. Dictator – monarchy d. liberator – colonization
2. After the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new territory, a \_\_\_\_\_ was created.
   1. Bondage – clemency c. decadence – monarchy
   2. Annals – despotism d. colonization – monarchy
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ would not grant \_\_\_\_\_ to the prisoner.
   1. Dictator – despotism c. liberator – genealogy
   2. Dictator – clemency d. aggressor – decadence
4. The warrior plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the tribes and keep them in \_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Obliterate – annals c. authenticate – clemency
   2. Subjugate – bondage d. liberate – genealogy
5. The villagers tried to remain \_\_\_\_\_ but could not tolerate the actions of the \_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Neutral – colonization c. neutral – aggressor
   2. Nomadic – bondage d. contingent – decadence
6. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the historical discovery just because it is difficult to \_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Subjugate – liberate c. authenticate – obliterate
   2. Liberate – downgrade d. downgrade – authenticate
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ led to his assassination.
   1. Despotism – dictator c. genealogy – clemency
   2. Decadence – monarchy d. annals – despotism
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ reveal that \_\_\_\_\_ caused the emperor’s downfall.
   1. Annals – monarchy c. annals – decadence
   2. Annals – aggressor d. annals – dictator
9. An expert will \_\_\_\_\_ the family \_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Liberate – dictator c. subjugate – aggressor
   2. Authenticate – liberator d. authenticate – genealogy
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the entire population.
    1. Dictator – authenticate c. liberator – subjugate
    2. Despotism – downgrade d. aggressor – obliterate

**Directions: Choose the letter of the word that most nearly has the OPPOSITE MEANING as that in capital letters.**

1. UNPRECEDENTED
   1. Fast b. routine c. unique d. quiet
2. MONARCHY
   1. Tyranny b. rule c. manor d. democracy
3. NEUTRAL
   1. Partial b. middle c. witty d. cruel
4. ANNALS
   1. Operas b. closets c. fictions d. marches
5. CONTINGENT
   1. Humorous b. independent c. similar d. precise
6. OBLITERATE
   1. Cut b. establish c. erode d. overwhelm
7. BONDAGE
   1. Freedom b. pension c. sermon d. embrace
8. NOMADIC
   1. Hopeful b. lively c. sly d. capture
9. LIBERATE
   1. Assign b. poison c. capture d. consider
10. AUTHENTICATE
    1. Falsify b. injure c. annoy d. sweeten