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segregated

- 1. abolitionist a person who supported abolition, or the ending of slavery
- 2. accumulated to increase in quantity or size over time
- 3. acknowledged to recognize; to show that something is seen or accepted
- acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) a disease that attacks the immune system, making it much harder for the body to fight illness
- 5. acquisition the act of getting or obtaining something
- 6. acquitted to declare a person innocent of a crime or wrongdoing
- 7. adapting to change in order to adjust to a new condition or environment
- 8. advocated to support an interest or a cause
- 9. **agrarian** a person who favors an agricultural way of life and government policies that support agricultural interests
- 10. ally a nation that joins another nation in some common effort, such as fighting a war
- 11. ambitious having a desire to be successful or powerful
- 12. **American Revolution** the struggle of the colonies in North America to gain their independence from Great Britain
- 13. **American System** a proposal to the government that called for taxes on imports, federally funded transportation projects, and a new national bank
- 14. annex to add a territory to a country. Such an addition is called an annexation.
- 15. **Appomattox Court House** a village in Virginia that was the site of the Confederate surrender to Union forces under the command of General Ulysses S. Grant
- 16. arms race a competition to develop and manufacture more and more powerful weapons
- 17. **Articles of Confederation** the first written plan of government for the United States. A confederation is an association of states that cooperate for a common purpose.
- 18. asserted to state firmly
- 19. **assimilation** the process by which immigrants or other newcomers acquire the attitudes, behaviors, and cultural patterns of the society around them
- 20. **atomic bomb** an immensely powerful weapon whose violent energy comes from splitting the atom (the basic unit of matter)
- 21. authority the government or controlling power
- 22. authorized to grant permission for something
- 23. baby boom a large increase in the number of babies born in proportion to the size of a population
- 24. Bill of Rights a formal listing of the basic rights of U.S. citizens
- 25. **black codes** laws passed in 1865 and 1866 in the former Confederate states to limit the rights and freedoms of African Americans
- 26. **blacklist** a list of people or groups who are under suspicion for something and are thus excluded from certain opportunities
- 27. **black power** the call by some civil rights activists, beginning in the mid 1960s, for African Americans to have economic and political power, with an emphasis on not relying on nonviolent protest
- 28. blockade a closing off of an area to keep people or supplies from going in or out
- 29. **bonds** government certificate that pays interest; selling bonds is a way for the government to raise money temporarily for some public purpose
- 30. **boycott** to refuse to buy one or more goods from a certain source. An organized refusal by many people is also called a boycott.
- 31. **Brown vs Board of Education** the 1954 Supreme Court ruling declaring that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional
- 32. brutality harsh, cruel, or violent treatment of another person
- 33. capitalism an economic system based on private ownership of farms and businesses

- 34. cash crop a crop, such as tobacco, sugar, and cotton, raised in large quantities and sold for profit
- 35. casualties people or things injured or destroyed
- 36. cease to stop doing something
- 37. **charter** a formal document issued by the king that outlined a colony's geographic boundaries and specified how it would be governed
- 38. **checks and balances** the system that allows each branch of government to limit the powers of the other two branches
- 39. civilized well organized and socially developed
- 40. **civil rights** the rights guaranteed by the Constitution to all people as citizens, especially equal treatment under the law
- 41. civil servant an employee of the government
- 42. **civil service** a branch of governmental service other than the military, in which individuals are employed based on merit
- 43. civil war a war between opposing groups of citizens from the same country
- 44. **Cold War** the global struggle for power and influence between the United States and the Soviet Union that followed World War II
- 45. colony a new settlement or territory established and governed by a country in another land
- 46. **Columbian Exchange** the exchange of plants, animals, diseases, and people across the Atlantic Ocean between Europe and the Americas
- 47. committed to agree or pledge to support someone or something
- 48. **Common Sense** a pamphlet published in 1776 by Thomas Paine that persuaded many American colonists to support independence
- 49. **communism** an economic system based on the idea that farms and businesses should be owned in common by the workers who do the labor
- 50. compensation payment given to someone to offset, or make up for, a loss or injury
- 51. **Compromise of 1850** the agreements made in order to admit California into the Union as a free state. These agreements included allowing the New Mexico and Utah territories to decide whether to allow slavery, outlawing the slave trade in Washington, D.C., and creating a stronger fugitive slave law.
- 52. **Confederacy** another name for the Confederate States of America, made up of the 11 states that seceded from the Union
- 53. conform to obey established rules and patterns
- 54. confront to meet, especially in a challenge
- 55. **conquistadors** Spanish soldier-explorers, especially those who conquered the native peoples of Mexico and Peru
- 56. conservation preservation and protection of a natural resource to prevent overuse, destruction, or neglect
- 57. constitution a written plan that provides the basic framework of a government
- 58. **Constitutional Convention** a meeting held in Philadelphia in 1787 at which delegates from the states wrote the U.S. Constitution
- 59. **consumer goods** products intended for personal use by consumers, such as cars, refrigerators, and vacuum cleaners
- 60. **containment** the U.S. policy of fighting the spread of communism by limiting it to countries where it already existed
- 61. Continental army the American army during the American Revolution
- 62. **contract** a written agreement signed by two or more parties, which binds those parties to do what is stated in the agreement
- 63. contradiction a difference between two statements or situations that means they cannot both be true
- 64. controversial when many people have strong opinions on a subject, causing conflict and disagreement

- 65. conventional usual or traditional; accepted by most people
- 66. convert to change a person's religious beliefs so they accept a different or new religion
- 67. coordinating to organize things or people so they work well together
- 68. corporation a business that is owned by many investors
- 69. cotton gin a hand-operated machine that cleans seeds and other unwanted material from cotton
- 70. counterculture a way of life that runs counter to or against society's traditional culture
- 71. **coureurs de bois** French fur trappers who learned many skills from the American Indians with whom they worked and lived
- 72. **credit** an arrangement in which the consumer buys something now with borrowed money and pays off the loan over time
- 73. crisis a dangerous moment with a high chance of an unwanted result
- 74. crucial very important or necessary
- 75. cultural region an area in which a group of people share a similar culture and language
- 76. culture a people's way of life, including beliefs, customs, food, dwellings, and clothing
- 77. D-Day June 6, 1944, the day that the Allied invasion of German-occupied France began
- 78. debated to formally discuss an issue
- 79. **Declaration of Independence** the document written to declare the American colonies as an independent nation, free from British rule
- 80. **Declaration of Sentiments** a formal statement of injustices suffered by women, written by the organizers of the Seneca Falls Convention. Sentiments means "beliefs" or "convictions."
- 81. **defendant** a person who is required to defend himself or herself in a legal action. An example is an accused person who is put on trial for a crime.
- 82. deforestation the clearing away of forests
- 83. democracy a system of government in which the power to govern belongs to the people
- 84. democratic ruled by the people. In a democracy, the power to govern belongs to the people.
- 85. denounced to declare to be blameworthy or evil
- 86. depression a period when economic activity decreases and many people do not have jobs
- 87. deprived to withhold or take away something
- 88. derive to get from
- 89. devoted to give time, money, or effort to help a person or cause
- 90. dictate to control, or order how something should be done
- 91. dictator someone who rules with absolute power, often harshly
- 92. diplomacy the art of conducting negotiations with other countries
- 93. discriminate to treat a person or group unfairly
- 94. **discrimination** unequal treatment based on a person's race, gender, religion, place of birth, or other arbitrary characteristic
- 95. disillusioned to cause to stop believing that something is good, important, or true
- 96. dispute a strong disagreement
- 97. **distinct** noticeably different] regional lifestyles developed. This led to stereotypes [stereotypes: to characterize someone based on a group they belong to
- 98. diverse a group of people or things with obvious differences among them
- 99. divine heavenly or godlike
- 100. domestic relating to issues within a country
- 101. domesticated plants or animals that live and breed in a human environment; tame
- 102. dominate to be most noticeable within a group
- 103. dominated to be most noticeable within a group
- 104. double jeopardy putting a person on trial more than once for the same crime

- 105. drastically extreme or sudden
- 106. Dred Scott decision a Supreme Court decision in 1857 that held that African Americans could never be citizens of the United States and that the Missouri Compromise was unconstitutional
- 107. **due process** the concept that the government must follow clear rules and act reasonably as it carries out the law
- 108. **economy** the way a society organizes the manufacture and exchange of things of value, such as money, food, products, and services
- 109. efficient capable of producing results without wasting materials, time, or energy
- 110. **Eighteenth Amendment** an amendment added to the Constitution in 1919 that prevented the making, sale, or transporting of alcoholic beverages; repealed by the Twenty- First Amendment in 1933
- 111. **Electoral College** the group established by the Constitution to elect the president and vice president. Voters in each state choose their electors.
- 112. eliminated to put an end to or get rid of
- 113. eloquently to express ideas or feelings in a way that is moving and well-spoken
- 114. **Emancipation Proclamation** an order issued by President Lincoln on January 1, 1863, declaring slaves in the Confederate states to be free
- 115. embargo a government order that forbids trade with another country
- 116. emerging to come into existence or become more noticeable
- 117. Emphasizing to give special meaning or importance to something
- 118. **English Bill of Rights** an act passed by Parliament in 1689 that limited the monarch's power by giving certain powers to Parliament and listing specific rights of the citizens
- 119. **Enlightenment** the "Age of Reason" in 17th- and 18thcentury Europe. Enlightenment thinkers emphasized using rational thought to discover truths about nature and society.
- 120. enriched to make richer; enhance
- 121. ensure to make sure or certain
- 122. **entrepreneur** a person who assembles and organizes the resources necessary to produce goods and services. Entrepreneurs are willing and able to take the risks involved in starting and managing a business.
- 123. environment all of the physical surroundings in a place, including land, water, animals, plants, and climate
- 124. environmentalist a person who is actively concerned with protecting the environment
- 125. espionage the practice of spying or using spies to obtain information
- 126. evident easily seen or understood
- 127. executive branch the part of government that carries out, or executes, the laws
- 128. exert to put out effort to make something happen
- 129. exerted exerted: something happen
- 130. expansionism the policy of expanding a nation's territory or economic influence
- 131. explicitly leaving no question as to meaning or intent
- 132. faction a group of people within a larger group who have different ideas from the main group
- 133. **fascism** a political philosophy or system marked by strong central authority that places the nation above individual rights and freedoms
- 134. federalism the constitutional system that shares power between the national and state governments
- 135. **Fifteenth Amendment** a change to the Constitution, ratified in 1870, declaring that states cannot deny anyone the right to vote because of race or color, or because the person was once a slave
- 136. finances the money that a person, company, or nation has, and how it is managed
- 137. folk art art made by ordinary people (as opposed to trained artists) using traditional methods
- 138. forty-niners a person who joined the rush for gold in California in 1849
- 139. **Fourteenth Amendment** a change to the Constitution, ratified in 1868, granting citizenship to anyone born in the United States and guaranteeing all citizens equal protection of the law

- 140. framework a basic set of ideas used to develop a larger plan
- 141. **Freedmen's Bureau** an agency established by Congress at the end of the Civil War to help and protect newly freed black Americans
- 142. frontier unexplored wilderness at the edge of the country
- 143. fugitive a person who flees or tries to escape (for example, from slavery)
- 144. function the use or purpose of something
- 145. fundamental basic
- 146. **Gettysburg Address** a speech by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 at the site of the Battle of Gettysburg in memory of the Union soldiers who had died trying to protect the ideals of freedom upon which the nation was founded
- 147. Great Awakening a revival of religious feeling and belief in the American colonies that began in the 1730s
- 148. **Great Compromise** the plan of government adopted at the Constitutional Convention that established a two-house Congress. In the House of Representatives, representation from each state is based on state population. In the Senate, each state is represented by two senators.
- 149. **Great Migration** beginning during World War I, the movement of millions of African Americans from the rural South to cities in the North and Midwest in order to take jobs in industry
- 150. **Great Society** President Lyndon Johnson's domestic reform program from 1965 to 1969, which focused on social welfare improvements, with the War on Poverty as its centerpiece
- 151. guarantee to make something sure or certain
- 152. **habeas corpus** the right of an accused person to appear in court so a judge can determine whether he or she is being imprisoned lawfully
- 153. **Harlem Renaissance** a period of creativity among African American artists, writers, and musicians centered in Harlem during the 1920s
- 154. **Holocaust** the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis
- 155. homesteader a farmer who is given a plot of public land, or homestead, in return for cultivating it
- 156. **hostage** a person forcibly held by someone who demands that certain things be done before the captured person is freed
- 157. **hostility** unfriendly or angry feelings or behavior
- 158. ignorant lacking knowledge
- 159. **immigrant** a person who moves from one country to another. Such a movement is called immigration.
- 160. immigration the action of leaving one country to permanently live in another
- 161. impact to have a direct effect on a person or thing
- 162. impeach to charge a government official with an offense committed while in office
- 163. **imperialism** the policy of extending a nation's power by gaining political and economic control over other countries
- 164. impose to put in place by authority, such a law, tax, or punishment
- 165. independence freedom from control by another government or country
- 166. individualism to act based on one's own beliefs
- 167. **industrialist** a person whose wealth comes from the ownership of industrial businesses and who favors government policies that support industry
- 168. **Industrial Revolution** the dramatic change in economies and cultures brought about by the use of machines to do work formerly done by hand
- 169. inferior of less importance, value, or quality
- 170. inflation a rise in prices caused by an increase in the supply of money and a resulting decline in its value
- 171. ingenious an especially original, intelligent, or clever idea
- 172. initial at the beginning

- 173. initiative a process that allows citizens to propose and pass laws directly without the state legislature
- 174. innovations new idea, method, or invention
- 175. integration the blending of people of all races as equals; the opposite of segregation
- 176. **interest group** an organization that actively promotes the view of some part of the public on specific issues in order to influence government policy
- 177. internal inside or within
- 178. Internet a network that allows computers in locations around the world to share information
- 179. internment camp a prison camp where people are forcibly confined
- 180. interstate commerce trade and other business dealings between two or more states
- 181. intervened to become involved in something in order to influence what happens
- 182. **intolerance** unwillingness or refusal to accept or respect persons of different races or backgrounds or opinions and beliefs different from one's own
- 183. intuition to know or understand based on feeling, not facts
- 184. invest to give money to a company or bank, or to buy something, in order to make a profit later
- 185. isolated separated or set apart from other people or things
- 186. isolationism a policy of avoiding political or military agreements with other countries
- 187. issuing to supply or make available
- 188. Jacksonian Democracy the idea that the common people should control the government
- 189. Jim Crow laws laws enforcing segregation of blacks and whites in the South after the Civil War
- 190. **judicial branch** the part of government, consisting of the Supreme Court and lower federal courts, that interprets the laws
- 191. **judicial review** the power of the Supreme Court to decide whether laws and acts made by the legislative and executive branches are unconstitutional
- 192. justifiable done for a good reason
- 193. **Kansas-Nebraska Act** an act passed in 1854 that created the Kansas and Nebraska territories and abolished the Missouri Compromise by allowing settlers to determine whether slavery would be allowed in the new territories
- 194. **labor unions** an organization that brings together workers in the same trade, or job, to fight for better wages and working conditions
- 195. laissez-faire a theory that economies work best when there is minimal involvement from government
- 196. legacy a person's or a group's impact on future generations
- 197. **legislative branch** the lawmaking part of government, called the legislature. To legislate is to make a law.
- 198. leisure time spent not working
- 199. **Lewis and Clark expedition** a journey made from 1804 to 1806 by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore the territory gained in the Louisiana Purchase
- 200. liberal supporting ideas of freedom, change, and progress
- 201. liberated to free
- 202. **Lincoln-Douglas debates** a series of political debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, who were candidates in the Illinois race for U.S. senator, in which
- 203. **loose construction** a broad interpretation of the Constitution, meaning that Congress has powers beyond those specifically given in the Constitution
- 204. Magna Carta an agreement made in 1215 listing the rights granted by King John to all free men of the kingdom
- 205. **majority rule** a basic principle of democracy that says laws are passed by majority vote and elections are decided by a majority of the voters
- 206. **manifest destiny** the belief that it was America's right and duty to spread the nation across the North American continent

- 207. manually using human effort, not electricity or other power]
- 208. Marshall Plan a U.S. aid plan designed to promote economic recovery in Europe after World War II
- 209. mass production the use of interchangeable parts and assembly lines to make large quantities of identical goods
- 210. **Mayflower Compact** an agreement that Pilgrims wrote and signed describing how they would govern themselves in the Americas
- 211. **mercantilism** an economic policy in which nations tried to gain wealth by controlling trade and establishing colonies
- 212. **Mexican-American War** the war with Mexico from 1846 to 1847 that resulted in Mexico ceding to the United States a huge region from Texas to California
- 213. **migrated** to move from one place and establish a home in a new place. A move of a large number of people is called a migration, and the people are called migrants.
- 214. militant being willing to use strong, extreme, and sometimes violent methods to achieve something
- 215. militarism a policy of glorifying military power and military ideas and values
- 216. militia a small army made up of ordinary citizens who are trained to fight in an emergency
- 217. missionaries a person who travels to a territory or community in order to make converts to their religion
- 218. **Missouri Compromise** an agreement made by Congress in 1820 under which Missouri was admitted to the Union as a slave state and Maine was admitted as a free state
- 219. monopoly a company that controls all production and sales of a particular product or service
- 220. **Monroe Doctrine** President James Monroe's declaration in 1823 that the Western Hemisphere was no longer open to European colonization
- 221. Mormon a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- Day Saints, founded by Joseph Smith in 1830
- 222. motives a reason for doing something
- 223. mutual shared
- 224. **National Grange** an agricultural organization formed in 1867 and committed to the economic and political interests of farmers
- 225. **nationalism** devotion to a national or ethnic identity, including the desire for independence from rule by foreign countries
- 226. nativism an attitude of resentment and superiority toward foreign-born people
- 227. Nat Turner's Rebellion a slave rebellion led by Nat Turner that took place in Virginia in 1831
- 228. natural resources useful material found in nature, including water, vegetation, animals, and minerals
- 229. natural rights rights common to everyone, as opposed to those given by law
- 230. neutral not supporting either side of an argument, dispute, or war
- 231. neutrality a policy of not choosing sides in a dispute or war between other countries
- 232. **New Deal** the set of programs adopted under the Roosevelt administration to combat the Great Depression of the 1930s
- 233. **Nineteenth Amendment** an amendment added to the Constitution in 1920 that extended voting rights to women
- 234. **nonviolent resistance** peaceful protest or noncooperation with authorities to achieve social or political goals
- 235. **Northwest Ordinance** a law passed by Congress in 1787 that specified how western lands would be governed
- 236. **Northwest Territory** a region of the United States bounded by the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and the Great Lakes. The region was given to the United States by the Treaty of Paris in 1783.
- 237. nullify to refuse to recognize a federal law. This action by a state is called nullification.
- 238. obstruct to slow or block the movement or progress of something
- 239. oppression the feeling of being weighed down or held back by severe and unfair force

- 240. optimistic to be hopeful of a positive outcome or that good things will happen in the future
- 241. **Oregon Trail** an overland route that stretched about 2,000 miles from Independence, Missouri, to the Columbia River in Oregon
- 242. **Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries** an association of major oilproducing nations, founded in 1960 with the aim of gaining control over oil prices and production
- 243. Parliament the lawmaking body of England, consisting of representatives from throughout the kingdom
- 244. passive not active
- 245. **passport** a document issued by a citizen's home government that identifies a person and permits travel to other countries
- 246. pension a sum of money paid to a retired person, usually on a monthly basis
- 247. perpetual continuing forever
- 248. persecuted to cause a person or group to suffer
- 249. petition a formal, written request made to an official person or organization
- 250. **plantation** a large area of privately owned land where crops were grown through the labor of workers who lived on the land
- 251. platform a statement of the policies favored by a political party or candidate
- 252. pogrom an organized and violent persecution of a minority group
- 253. policies a course of action taken by a government
- 254. **political machine** a group that keeps political power by controlling the activities of a political party, such as elections
- 255. popular sovereignty the idea that the government's authority comes from the people
- 256. **Populist Party** a political party, organized in 1892 by leaders of the Farmers' Alliances, that supported such reforms as an eight-hour workday and government-owned railroads
- 257. proclaimed to announce publically
- 258. **profit** money earned by a business after subtracting its operation costs. It provides an incentive for individuals to take the risks that come with starting a business.
- 259. **Progressive movement** a social and political movement in the early 1900s that focused on improving conditions in American life
- 260. prohibited to forbid by authority, such as a law or treaty
- 261. prohibition a legal ban on the production and sale of alcoholic beverages
- 262. **propaganda** information or ideas spread by a group or government to promote its cause or ideas or to damage an opposing cause or idea
- 263. proprietor owner
- 264. prospect the chance that something will happen
- 265. prosperous wealthy
- 266. **proxy war** a war in which the superpowers backed different sides, which acted as substitutes (proxies) for the superpowers themselves
- 267. pursue to follow, as in a goal or purpose
- 268. **quota** a limit based on numbers or proportions, such as the proportion of a country's population allowed to immigrate to the United States
- 269. racism the belief that one race is superior to another
- 270. radical relating to or supporting extreme change
- 271. rancho a land grant made by the Mexican government, used mostly for raising cattle and crops
- 272. ratify to formally approve a plan or an agreement. The process of approval is called ratification.
- 273. rebelled rebelled: or another authority
- 274. rebellion a violent attempt to resist or overthrow the government or another authority]
- 275. recall a process by which citizens can vote an elected official out of office before his or her term is over

- 276. **Reconstruction** the period of time after the Civil War in which Southern states were rebuilt and brought back into the Union
- 277. **Red Scare** lasting from 1919 to 1920, a campaign launched by the federal government to arrest communists and other radicals who promoted the overthrow of the U.S. government
- 278. referendum a process in which voters approve or reject laws passed by a legislature
- 279. reform to make changes in order to bring about improvement, end abuses, or correct injustices
- 280. **reformer** someone who works to make change in order to bring about improvement, end abuses, or correct injustice
- 281. refugee a person who flees his or her home or country to escape war, persecution, or other dangers
- 282. **regulation** the enforcement of laws that control conduct or practices; for example, government regulations control the way goods, food, and drugs are produced and sold to the public
- 283. reinforced to use additional support to make something stronger
- 284. reinforcement something that increases strength with additional support
- 285. reluctance to have hesitation or an unwillingness to do something
- 286. reluctant to have hesitation or an unwillingness to do something
- 287. repealed to take back, or to cancel, a law
- 288. republic a country governed by elected representatives
- 289. reservation an area of land set aside by the federal government for the use of an American Indian tribe
- 290. resolutions statement of a formal decision agreed on by a group
- 291. resolved to find a solution for
- 292. resourceful good at finding ways to solve problems
- 293. restored to make something as it was before
- 294. restricted to place limits or controls on something
- 295. retain to continue to keep
- 296. revise to change in order to improve
- 297. revolt a violent action in opposition to a government or law
- 298. **rights** powers or privileges that belong to people as citizens and that cannot or should not be taken away by the government
- 299. rigid difficult to change
- 300. **Roosevelt Corollary** President Theodore Roosevelt's claim that the United States could intervene to preserve peace and order in the Western Hemisphere and protect U.S. interests
- 301. **rural** relating to the country, as opposed to the city
- 302. scandal an occurrence that causes shock and upset because of behavior that is morally or legally wrong
- 303. secede to withdraw from an organization or alliance
- 304. Second Great Awakening a revival of religious feeling and belief from the 1800s to the 1840s
- 305. sedition the crime of encouraging rebellion against the government
- 306. segregation the social separation of groups of people, especially by race
- 307. self-incrimination giving testimony that can be used against oneself
- 308. **Seneca Falls Convention** the gathering of supporters of women's rights in July 1848 that launched the movement for women's right to vote
- 309. **separation of powers** a key constitutional principle that divides the functions of government among three branches, legislative, executive, and judicial, to prevent any one branch from gaining too much power
- 310. **Seventeenth Amendment** an amendment added to the Constitution in 1913 that requires the direct election of U.S. senators by popular vote
- 311. signifies means or represents
- 312. sit-in a form of peaceful protest in which people occupied seats in a segregated facility

- 313. **Sixteenth Amendment** an amendment added to the Constitution in 1913 that allowed the federal government to set an income tax
- 314. slavery the treatment of people as property. People who are denied freedom in this
- 315. slave trade the business of capturing, transporting,
- 316. so-called commonly described as
- 317. **social Darwinism** the theory that people and societies compete for survival, with the fit becoming wealthy and successful while the weak struggle to survive
- 318. spiritual a religious folk song of African American origin
- 319. spoils system the practice of rewarding political supporters with government jobs
- 320. **stabilized** to become steady, to become or create a state or condition that is not easily changed or likely to change
- 321. **states' rights theory** the theory that rights not specifically given to the federal government by the Constitution remain with the states
- 322. **status** the position of a person, either socially or professionally
- 323. stereotypes to characterize someone based on a group they belong to
- 324. stimulated to encourage activity or growth
- 325. strategy an overall plan, such as for winning a war
- 326. stresses a factor that causes bodily or mental tension
- 327. **strict construction** a narrow interpretation of the Constitution, meaning that Congress has only those powers specifically given in the Constitution
- 328. **subsidies** money or other things of value, such as land, that a government contributes to an enterprise considered to benefit the public
- 329. suffrage the right to vote
- 330. surveillance close watch kept over someone or something, especially by a detective or investigator
- 331. sympathetic understanding or agreeing with the feelings or situation of another person
- 332. tariff a tax imposed by the government on goods imported from another country
- 333. techniques a specialized method used to achieve a desired result
- 334. technologically resulting from improvements in knowledge, equipment, or methods
- 335. temporary for a limited, often short-term, period of time
- 336. territory a region of land; also, a region designated by Congress and organized under a governor
- 337. **terrorism** unlawful violence carried out against non-military targets in order to create fear and advance political goals
- 338. **Texas War for Independence** the 1836 rebellion of Texans against Mexican rule that resulted in Texas becoming an independent nation
- 339. **The Federalist Papers** a series of essays written by James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay in support of the ratification of the Constitution by the states
- 340. **Thirteenth Amendment** a change to the Constitution, ratified in 1865, abolishing slavery in the United States
- 341. **Three-Fifths Compromise** an agreement made at the Constitutional Convention stating that enslaved persons would be counted as three-fifths of a person when determining a state's population for representation in the House of Representatives
- 342. tolerates to put up with
- 343. **totalitarian** a governing system in which a ruling elite holds all power and controls all aspects of society, allowing no opposition and often maintaining power with the use of terror and secret police
- 344. Trail of Tears the removal of Cherokee Indians from Georgia to Indian Territory in 1838 and 1839
- 345. **transcendentalism** a philosophy emphasizing that people should transcend, or go beyond, logical thinking to reach true understanding, with the help of emotions and intuition

- 346. transcontinental railroad a railroad that crosses a continent
- 347. **trust** a group of corporations that unite in order to reduce competition and control prices in a business or an industry
- 348. tyranny the unjust use of government power. A ruler who uses power in this way is called a tyrant.
- 349. **Underground Railroad** a secret network of free blacks and whites who helped thousands of slaves escape to free states and to Canada
- 350. **Union** the United States as one nation united under a single government. During the Civil War, "the Union" came to mean the government and armies of the North.
- 351. **United Nations** an international organization founded in 1945 to promote peace, security, and cooperation among the world's nations
- 352. urban relating to cities

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- 353. urbanization the growth of cities
- 354. vague not clearly defined
- 355. violation breaking an established rule or law
- 356. vital necessary for the existence of something
- 357. voluntarily done willingly, without being forced
- 358. war crimes violation of internationally accepted practices related to waging war
- 359. **war on drugs** the actions undertaken by the Reagan administration to fight drug use in the United States, including harsher laws against illegal drugs and efforts to reduce drug smuggling
- 360. **warrant** an order from a judge that authorizes police or other officials to take a certain action, such as searching someone's property
- 361. **Washington's Farewell Address** George Washington's parting message to the nation, given in 1796, in which he warned of threats to the nation's future
- 362. Whiskey Rebellion a revolt by farmers in 1794 against an excise tax on whiskey
- 363. **Wilmot Proviso** a proposal made in 1846 to prohibit slavery in the territory added to the United States as a result of the Mexican-American War
- 364. **yellow journalism** the practice of publishing sensational and often exaggerated news in newspapers in order to attract readers and increase sales