



UNIT 17 VOCABULARY LIST

ancestor	(noun) A person in a family who lived generations ago
budget	(noun) An estimate for how much money will be spent and made in a set amount of time
citizen legislature	(noun) A group of people chosen or elected to make the laws for a colony or state; different from a common legislature because individuals are paid very little and usually have other jobs
consumer	(noun) Someone who buys, uses, or eats something
cultural heritage	(noun) The beliefs, values, and practices handed down from generation to generation
cultural revival	(noun) Increased interest in the beliefs, values, and practices handed down from generation to generation
culture	(noun) The beliefs, values, and practices learned and shared by a group of people from generation to generation
deliberative session	(noun) A time to explain, discuss, and debate proposals in government
economy	(noun) Relating to the system by which goods and services are made, bought, and sold
ethnicity	(noun) The shared ancestral, cultural, national, and social experience of a particular group of people
factory	(noun) A building designed to house machines and other technology
family tree	(noun) A chart that shows how generations of a family are related to one another



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farm-to-table	(noun) A type of restaurant that serves food that it purchased directly from farms rather than stores
genealogy	(noun) The study of family history and how ancestors are related to one another
heritage	(noun) Something, like traditions or property, that comes to a person or group from ancestors
immigrant	(noun) A person who moves from one country to live in another country
immigration	(noun) The act of moving to a new country to live permanently
independent	(adjective) When a country, person, or other organization is not controlled or ruled by anything else
industry	(noun) 1. Making products by using machinery and factories 2. A group of businesses that provide a particular product or service
interdependent	(adjective) When systems, things, or people are mixed together and rely on one another
lockdown	(noun) A period of time when people are required or encouraged to stay in certain places that are safe. During the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, people were asked to stay in their homes as much as possible so they would not catch or spread the disease.
mass transportation	(noun) The movement of people in large groups using public transportation like trains, subways, busses, boats, or airplanes
multicultural	(adjective) When people from several cultures are together
multi-ethnic	(adjective) When people from several ethnic groups are together
natural resources	(noun) Something found in nature that is used by people, such as animals, plants, or fossil fuels
organic	(adjective) Food produced without using chemicals or pesticides



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pandemic	(noun) An outbreak of an illness or disease over a wide area, like a whole country or the world
polarization	(noun) The division of people into two clearly defined groups that have trouble understanding one another or working together
political party	(noun) An organized group of people with similar goals and opinions about how a nation should function. The United States has two major political parties: the Democratic Party and the Republican Party.
race	(noun) The grouping of the people of the world based on their skin color, usually determined by the continent their ancestors came from
reform movement	(noun) An effort or campaign to change and improve something
representatives	(noun) The person selected by a group of people who will communicate their views and make laws for them
rural	(adjective) An area of land that is primarily used for farming, where there are no large towns or cities
suburb	(noun) An area on the outskirts of cities where people live. Suburban neighborhoods usually have some space between houses but not as much as in rural areas.
swing state	(noun) A state where the majority of people could support either major political party in any election
taxes	(noun) Amounts of money, added to the regular cost of items, that go to the government
tourism	(noun) Travel for recreation
town meeting	(noun) A formal gathering of the citizens of a town to discuss and vote on town business
tradition	(noun) A well-known belief or custom shared by a group of people over many years
urban	(adjective) A large town or city, where there are lots of buildings and people