



UNIT 9 VOCABULARY LIST

abolition	(noun) The action of getting rid of something, specifically ending slavery during the 19th century
abolitionist	(noun) A person who works to get rid of something, especially slavery during the 19th century
antislavery	(noun) Someone or something that is against slavery
common school movement	(noun) An effort in the 19th century to make public schools available to more children than ever before
dame school	(noun) An informal school run by a local woman for young children in a village or town
disabilities	(noun) A physical or mental challenge that makes it hard to complete everyday tasks
emancipated	(adjective) To be free of something
Emancipation Proclamation	(noun) A document signed by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, that freed all enslaved people who lived in Confederate states and territories
head	(noun) A designation awarded to a student leader in American classrooms in the 18th and 19th centuries
minister	(noun) A religious leader, usually of a local church
moral responsibility	(noun) A job or task that people do because they want to make other people's lives better
moral suasion	(noun) An effort to convince people that something is the right thing to do



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petition	(noun) A formal written request made to an official person or group
plantation	(noun) A large estate that grows crops for money
primer	(noun) A type of book used in the 18th and 19th centuries that teaches the basics of reading, writing, and math
reform	(noun) A change made to improve something
reformers	(noun) People who work to change and improve something
reform movement	(noun) An effort or campaign to change and improve something
revivals	(noun) A campaign to make something popular again
sampler	(noun) A piece of needlework made to show sewing skills
slavery	(noun) When human beings are treated as property, lose their freedom, and are made to work for nothing
social problems	(noun) Anything that has a negative impact on large numbers of people
volunteer	(noun) Someone who does something for free, without being paid