



CONTENT VOCABULARY ACTIVITY 1

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Directions: Select one of the Content Vocabulary terms from your book and write it next to the correct definition below.

Section 1

1. membership of a community or state _____
2. the type of economy in which many people make a living by providing services for others _____
3. government by consent of the governed _____
4. a person who lives in a state or country, obeys the government's rules and laws, and is entitled to protection from the government _____
5. in a society, a structure of relationship, obligation, role, and function _____
6. the study of the rights and duties of citizens _____
7. the general principle used to make a judgment _____

Section 2

8. a person who moves permanently to a new country _____
9. the legal process by which foreign persons become citizens _____
10. noncitizen _____
11. to send an illegal alien back to his or her own country _____

Section 3

12. a system in which all citizens meet to debate government matters and vote firsthand _____
13. a system in which citizens choose a smaller group to represent them, make laws, and govern on their behalf _____
14. a course of government action to achieve community goals _____



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15. a type of government that originated in ancient Greece and allows its citizens to vote and to take part in government _____
16. a plan for collecting and spending money _____
17. a system of limited government in which the people are the ultimate source of governmental power _____
18. a government in which the concentration of power is held by a leader not accountable to the people _____
19. a government with a hereditary ruler _____
20. a type of state in which the government's control extends to nearly every aspect of the people's lives _____
21. a principle of democracy in which citizens agree that when differences of opinion arise, they will abide by what most people want _____
22. the ruling authority for a community _____



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Academic Words in This Chapter

diverse	ethnic	principle
deny	obtain	priority
community	enforce	constrain

A. Word Meaning Activity: Synonyms

Directions: Synonyms are words that have similar meanings. For example, the words *peaceful* and *nonviolent* are synonyms. Study the words and their definitions below. Then, match the words in Column A to their synonyms in Column B. Write the correct letters in the spaces provided.

Column A	Column B
_____ 1. diverse	A. gain
_____ 2. deny	B. limit by force
_____ 3. community	C. highly ranked
_____ 4. ethnic	D. belief
_____ 5. obtain	E. member of specific culture
_____ 6. enforce	F. town
_____ 7. principle	G. carry out
_____ 8. priority	H. different
_____ 9. constrain	I. not allow



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B. Word Usage Activity: Using Academic Terms

Directions: Use a form of the academic terms on the previous page to replace the common terms underlined in the lines below.

1. If people do not legally get their citizenship, it can be revoked. _____
2. The population of the United States is made of many groups of people who are different from one another. _____
3. The government can refuse to give convicted criminals certain rights such as voting. _____
4. The executive branch has systems in place to carry out the country's laws. _____
5. Every group of people who share a common purpose in the United States has some form of government. _____
6. Many people who immigrate to the United States come from a group with a common cultural background, bringing with them different customs and religions. _____
7. The number of immigrants that are allowed to come to the United States is determined by greatest need, such as type of workers needed. _____
8. One fundamental underlying belief that makes up our democracy is freedom. _____
9. In authoritarian regimes, rulers often limit people's rights. _____