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Definitions

1. *humanism* – n., a system of beliefs centered on humans and their values
2. *The Renaissance* – n., a period in European history following the Dark Ages in which the humanism of Ancient Greece and Rome was reborn
3. *sect* – n., a group of people forming a distinct unit within a religion by virtue of certain refinements or distinctions of belief
 - *sectarian*, adj., relating to sects
4. *The Reformation* – n., a period in European history starting in 1517 in which Christianity in Western Europe broke up into sects
5. *persecute* – v., to consistently cause someone to suffer because of their identity or beliefs
 - *persecution*, n., 1) the act of persecuting, 2) the state of being persecuted
6. *Protestantism* – n., the religious beliefs of any of the churches in Western Christianity that broke away from the Catholic Church of Rome during the Reformation
 - *Protestant*, adj., relating to Protestantism; *n.*, someone holding Protestant beliefs
7. *fief* – n., in feudalism, a territory held by a vassal, e.g. a duchy or country
8. *indulgence* – n., 1) in the Catholic belief, a partial removal of punishment after death for acts committed contrary to the Christian religion, 2) the act of being tolerant or permissive
 - *indulge*, v., to be permissive or tolerant
9. *Diet* – n., a general assembly of lords, Church officials, and other representatives within the Holy Roman Empire
10. *defenestration* – n., the act of throwing something or someone out the window
 - *defenestrate*, v., to throw someone or something out the window

Junior High Challenge Words

See Page 5 for practice and exercises pertaining to the challenge words.

11. *context* – n., the set of circumstances or facts that surround a particular event or situation
12. *thesis* – n., an idea, interpretation, or argument

Usage (Examples and Exercises)

Observe the way in which the vocabulary word has been used in a sentence, and write your own complete sentence using the word, in a way that shows its meaning.

1. *humanism*

The beautiful sculptures and paintings of Michelangelo are example of *humanism* from the Renaissance.

2. *The Renaissance*

During *the Renaissance* people became interested in the ideas of the Ancient Greek thinker Aristotle.

3. *sect*

Calvinism is a *sect* in Christianity that was not officially accepted until the end of the Thirty Years' War.

4. *The Reformation*

During *the Reformation*, England separated from the pope in Rome because of Henry VIII.

5. *persecute*

The Lutherans of Germany feared being *persecuted*, so they formed the Schmalkaldic League.

6. *Protestantism*

Protestantism got its name when the supporters of Luther protested against the pope and emperor.

7. *duchy*

Burgundy was an important *duchy* between France and Germany, whose duke wanted to be a king.

8. *indulgence*

Luther believed that *indulgences* were not an effective way of getting to heaven.

9. *Diet*

At the Diet of Speyer in 1529, Luther's supporters protested the Emperor's orders against Luther, and thus became known as Protestants.

10. *defenestration*

Defenestration can result in death, if the window is high enough above the ground!

Synonyms and Rewrites

Rewrite the sentences by replacing the *italicized* words with words from the word list. Change any words that you need to, to maintain the meaning of the sentence.

1. In 1491, Anne of Brittany was forced to turn over her father's *feudal territory* by marrying the King of France, under threat of *constant attacks* because of Brittany's traditional independence.

2. In *the period of humanism*, even the popes *were permissive* of beautiful paintings and sculptures. (Change the preposition "of" to "in" as part of the re-write.)

3. During *the time when people rejected the Pope*, many different *groups* formed with different beliefs.

4. At the *imperial assembly* of Worms in 1521, the Catholics would rather *throw Luther out the window* than grant him a *special forgiveness* for his *separate* beliefs.

5. A supporter of *human values* would not allow the government to *attack* someone *for their anti-Catholic ideas*.
