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PREVIEW

Test your knowledge of the vocabulary skills, concepts, and terms you will study in this unit. Answers are upside down on the bottom of the page.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Write **T** or **F** to show whether each statement is *true* or *false*.

1. ____ A *democracy* is usually headed by a *tyrant*.
2. ____ *Eighty degrees* can also be written 80° .
3. ____ The words *climate* and *weather* are antonyms.
4. ____ The words *boundaries* and *borders* are synonyms.
5. ____ The adjective form of *patriot* is *patriotic*.
6. ____ A *civil war* is fought between a country and its overseas colonies.
7. ____ *Battlefield*, *freedom*, and *bloodshed* are all compound words.
8. ____ In the word *midnight*, the suffix *mid-* means “in the middle of.”

SPELLING

Circle the correctly spelled word in each group.

1. colunist collonist colonist
2. empiror emperor emperer
3. Massachusetts massachusetts Masachusetes
4. goverment govargument government

ANSWERS: TRUE OR FALSE? 1. F 2. T 3. F 4. T 5. T 6. F 7. F 8. F
 SPELLING: 1. colonist 2. emperor 3. Massachusetts 4. government

GLOSSARY

A *glossary* is a list of unusual or specialized words from a certain field of knowledge. Following are some important words that relate to history and geography.

canyon a long, narrow valley with high cliffs on each side, often with a stream running through it

civil war war between sections or groups of people of the same nation

climate the average weather conditions in a certain region over a period of years

coast land along the sea

colonist one of a group of people who settle in a distant land, but remain under the rule of the home country

czar the title of any of the former emperors of Russia

democracy government in which the people hold the ruling power

empire a group of countries or territories under the rule of one government or person

jungle a tropical land thickly covered with trees and other plants and usually filled with animals

longitude distance measured in degrees east and west of an imaginary line running from the North Pole to the South Pole

North Pole the spot that is farthest north on the Earth

patriot a person who shows great love and loyalty toward his or her own country

prime meridian the imaginary line from which longitude is measured both east and west. Located at 0° longitude, it passes through Greenwich, England.

regent a person chosen to rule while a king or queen is absent, sick, or too young to take the throne

serfs farm workers who, almost like slaves, belong to a landowner

South Pole the spot that is farthest south on the Earth

terrain ground or area of land

tyrant a cruel or unjust ruler who has complete power

VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

Complete each sentence with a word from the glossary. Use the other words in the sentence to help you decide which word to add. Check the dictionary definition if you're still not sure.

1. Year after year, the flowing river made the _____ deeper.
2. The ruler was a power-hungry _____ who demanded total control of his people.
3. The rocky, uneven _____ made travel by vehicle impossible.
4. Because the new king was only 10 years old, a _____ would head the government for several years.
5. When powerful families from two different regions claimed power, _____ broke out.
6. Around the whole Earth, there are 360° of _____.
7. The nobleman was a wealthy landowner who had many _____ farming his lands.

WORD FORMS

Add vowels (*a, e, i, o, u*) to complete a different form of some words from the glossary. Use context clues to help.

1. Pollutants in the air can cause a cl__m__t__c change in a region.
2. The __mp__r__r ruled his vast lands from the capital city.
3. C__ __st__l winds often bring rain from the west.
4. He felt it was his p__tr__ __t__c duty to vote in every election.
5. Massachusetts was one of the 13 original c__l__n__s.
6. P__l__r explorers found conditions unlike anywhere else on Earth.

SCRAMBLED WORDS

First unscramble the words from the glossary. Then solve the crossword puzzle with words that complete the sentences.

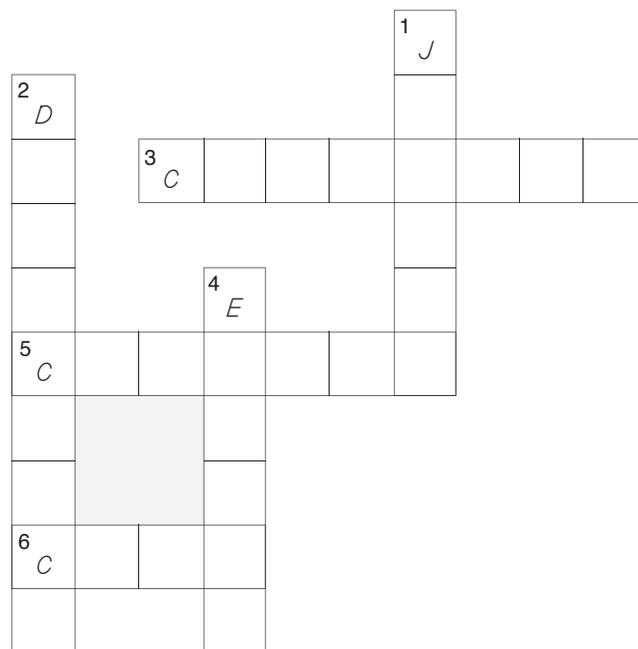
NOOLTISC _____	MEIRPE _____
GLUNJE _____	CAMECYDRO _____
LICTAME _____	ZRAC _____

ACROSS

- Although living across the sea, every American ____ had to follow the laws of England.
- The arctic ____ is so cold that some lakes never thaw.
- For nearly 20 years, the ____ ruled all of Russia.

DOWN

- Huge vines hung from the trees in the hot, steamy ____.
- The founding fathers of the United States wanted a ____ in which every citizen had a voice in government.



- The ruler added to his ____ by conquering many small tribes.

WORD HISTORY

Some glossary words have origins in other languages. Write a letter to match each **boldface** word with its origin. If necessary, check a dictionary.

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| 1. _____ canyon | a. from the Latin word <i>caesar</i> , meaning “emperor” |
| 2. _____ czar | b. from the Latin word <i>servus</i> , meaning “slave” |
| 3. _____ democracy | c. from ancient Greek words meaning “the people” and “to rule” |
| 4. _____ empire | d. from the Latin word <i>imperium</i> , meaning “command, authority, realm” |
| 5. _____ serf | e. from the Spanish word <i>cañon</i> , meaning “a pipe,” “a tube,” or “a gorge” |
| 6. _____ terrain | f. from the French word <i>terra</i> , meaning “earth” |