

Vocabulary Builder Activity



Imperial China

A. Content Vocabulary

Directions Select a vocabulary term from the box that best answers each question below. More than one term may answer a question. Write the term(s) in the blank. Some terms may be used more than once. You may have to change the word's form in order to complete a sentence.

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| barbarian | neo-Confucianism | steppe |
| calligraphy | novel | terror |
| census | porcelain | |

1. As a Chinese artisan or artist, which of these would you
 - a. bake in a hot oven? _____
 - b. draw on a painting? _____
 - c. write on paper? _____

2. Which of these is
 - a. a grassy flatland? _____
 - b. a way to count people? _____
 - c. a long book with many chapters? _____
 - d. a philosophy? _____
 - e. another word for an uncivilized person? _____

3. The Mongols
 - a. fought successfully using _____.
 - b. herded their cattle on the _____.

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B. Academic Vocabulary

Directions Read the definitions of the words *civil* and *restore*, both of which are multiple-meaning words. Then read the sentences that follow. Write the letter of the definition of the word as it is used in the sentence.

Multiple Meaning Words

Civil	Restore
(A) <i>adj.</i> related to government	(E) <i>v.</i> to give back something that was lost or stolen
(B) <i>adj.</i> related to conflict among citizens of the same country	(F) <i>v.</i> to bring back to a former or better condition
(C) <i>adj.</i> polite or courteous	(G) <i>v.</i> to put someone back into a position of power or rank
(D) <i>adj.</i> related to the laws concerning private rights of citizens	(H) <i>v.</i> to bring back to health

- _____ 1. Museum workers take special steps to restore artworks to their original beauty.
- _____ 2. China's imperial emperors were watchful for outbreaks of civil unrest.
- _____ 3. Supporters of the fallen emperor worked to restore him to the throne.
- _____ 4. Merchants wronged by traders could take civil action against them in a court of law.
- _____ 5. The medication provided by the doctor will restore the emperor's health.
- _____ 6. The opening of the dam will restore electricity to the region.
- _____ 7. The Tang dynasty brought back the civil service examination.
- _____ 8. Civil behavior in society was of great importance to the imperial Chinese.

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C. Combined Vocabulary Reinforcement

Directions Review the list of vocabulary words. Then, assign each word to the word forms chart. Remember, a word may act as more than one part of speech without any changes to its form—although its meaning may change. Use all the words at least once. Consult a dictionary if you need one.

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| barbarian | civil | restore |
| calligraphy | convert | steppe |
| unify | novel | terror |
| ongoing | porcelain | regime |
| census | transfer | principle |
| method | | |

Word Forms		
Nouns	Verb	Adjective

On the lines below, write one or two sentences that use at least five of the vocabulary words from the list above. Underline the vocabulary words.
