

Important Vocabulary words for students

Merriam-Webster Word Central (dictionary for kids) & Merriam Webster Dictionary

Capitalism: an economic system in which resources and means of production are privately owned and prices, production, and the distribution of goods are determined mainly by competition in a free market

Communism: a system of government in which a single party controls state-owned means of production with the aim of establishing a stateless society. Or a social system in which property and goods are owned in common

Democracy- government by the people with rule of the majority where the supreme power is held by the people and used by them directly or indirectly through representation

Democratic Socialism- a political movement advocating a gradual and peaceful transition from capitalism to socialism through regulation and limited government ownership by democratically elected governments

Ethnic cleansing- the expulsion, imprisonment, or killing of an ethnic minority by a dominant majority in order to achieve ethnic sameness

Fascism- a political system headed by a dictator in which the government controls business and labor and opposition is not permitted

Genocide- the deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political, or cultural group

Representative Republic- refers to a government in which those citizens elect representatives who govern according to the law

Social Democracy- see Democratic Socialism

Socialism- any of various social systems based on shared or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods

Totalitarianism- of or relating to a political system in which the government has complete control over the people