

8th Grade Vocabulary Unit 1

Directions: Look up each of the vocabulary words in the dictionary, and match the words with their appropriate definitions. Then write the word in the blank spaces in the example sentences in the third column. In the last column, create a drawing that illustrates the meaning of the word for you. The illustration should help YOU remember the meaning of the word.

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| adage | bonanza | churlish | citadel | collaborate |
| decree | discordant | evolve | excerpt | grope |

| Word | Definition | Example sentences | Illustrations |
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| 1. | (n.) a fortress that overlooks and protects a city; any strong or commanding place | A medieval _____ once guarded the capital city of the Greek island of Rhodes. | |
| 2. | (adj.) disagreeable in sound, jarring, lacking harmony | Their little spat struck a _____ note in our otherwise happy get-together. | |
| 3. | (n.) a passage taken from a book, article, etc. (v.) to quote | My essay includes a long _____ from a speech by Sojourner Truth. | |
| 4. | (n.) a proverb, wise saying | One way to begin an informal speech or an oral report is to quote an old _____. | |
| 5. | (v.) to develop gradually, to rise to a higher level | Authors hope that their notes, descriptions, and character sketches will _____ into a book. | |
| 6. | (v) to feel about hesitantly with the hands; to search blindly and uncertainly | When the power failed, we had to _____ in the dark to find a working flashlight. | |
| 7. | (n.) a rich mass of ore in a mine; something very valuable; profitable | The thrilling adventure movie set in Alaska proved to be a box-office _____. | |
| 8. | (v.) to work together | Several students plan to _____ on a geology project for the annual science fair. | |
| 9. | (adj.) lacking politeness or good manners; lacking sensitivity; rude | The store manager instructed all of the salesclerks to avoid _____ replies to customers' questions. | |
| 10. | (n.) an order having the force of law (v.) to issue such an order; to command firmly or forcefully | "There went forth a _____ from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed." (Luke 2:1) | |