

**Grade 5 Social Studies**  
**Harcourt – Horizons: United States History**  
**“Challenging” Words English-Spanish**

The following words were identified in the Harcourt *Horizons: United States History* textbook as being words that our students might stumble over in taking the TAKS test. All of the words were translated into Spanish in order to help our LEP and ESL students master the vocabulary terms. Although we cannot anticipate every word that the test makers will use, we can work diligently to improve our students' vocabulary. Because reading allows the students to expand their vocabulary, we must provide the students with as many opportunities as possible for them to read and increase their word power.

1. act (*ley, decreto*)
2. allegiance (*lealtad*)
3. ally (*aliar*)
4. amendment (*enmienda*)
5. annex (*anexar*)
6. appointed (*nombrar*)
7. arsenal (*arsenal*)
8. bill (*proyecto de ley*)
9. cabinet (*consejo, gabinete*)
10. civic (*cívico*)
11. delegate (*delegado*)
12. enterprise (*iniciativa*)
13. federal (*federal*)
14. foreign (*extranjero*)
15. grievance (*queja*)
16. immigration (*inmigración*)
17. impeach (*acusar, denunciar*)
18. inflation (*inflación*)
19. institution (*institución*)
20. massacre (*masacre*)
21. mercenary (*mercenario*)
22. migration (*migración*)
23. negotiate (*negociar*)
24. nominate (*nombrar*)
25. ordinance (*ordenanza*)
26. pacifist (*pacifista*)
27. patterns (*modelo*)
28. petition (*petición*)
29. principle (*principio*)
30. proclamation (*proclamación*)
31. profit (*beneficio, ganancia*)
32. quarter (*cuartel*)
33. ratify (*ratificar*)
34. ratify (*ratificar*)
35. repeal (*revocar, anular*)
36. republic (*república*)
37. siege (*sitio*)
38. sovereign (*soberano*)
39. stupefied (*estupefacto, atontado*)

**Test Word Vocabulary  
Development Strategies**

- ❖ Word Walls
- ❖ Vocabulary Journal
- ❖ Vocabulary development in context of diverse reading materials
- ❖ Use of these words in teacher-made tests

**General Vocabulary  
Strategies**

- ❖ Word Jar
- ❖ Pictowords
- ❖ Visual Boxing
- ❖ Cubing