

## Lesson 18 Vocabulary from the Reader

1. **solitude**, *n.* being alone
2. **recitation**, *n.* something spoken from memory (**recite**)
3. **scribes**, *n.* people who copied documents before modern printing was invented
4. **compiled**, *v.* put different texts together into a book
5. **pilgrimage**, *n.* a journey to a place or shrine that is important to a religion
6. **preaching**, *v.* speaking publicly, usually about religion
7. **revelations**, *n.* the acts of a god revealing himself or herself (or his or her will) to a person
8. **blasphemy**, *n.* words or actions that are offensive to a religion
9. **persecution**, *n.* the mistreatment of a person or group
10. **bleak**, *adj.* hopeless; depressing
11. **arbiter**, *n.* a person with the authority to settle disputes
12. **tactics**, *n.* procedures employed to gain success
13. **acknowledge**, *v.* accept; recognize
14. **pardoned**, *v.* forgave
15. **humiliated**, *v.* caused a person or people to lose their dignity or self-respect
16. **authority**, *n.* a source of information that people believe is correct
17. **sermon**, *n.* a speech for the purpose of religious instruction