

6th Grade SS Term 1 Vocabulary

Week 1

1. Eurasia – the landmass which includes the continents of Europe and Asia
2. sovereign – self-governing
3. acid rain – toxic rain which results when noxious gases are released into the atmosphere and mix with water molecules
4. smog – An atmospheric phenomenon whereby vehicle exhaust and factory smoke combine with fog.
5. Chernobyl – located in northern Ukraine, site of the worst nuclear disaster in human history

Week 2

6. fallout – the resettling of irradiated particles released into the atmosphere after a nuclear explosion
7. arable – suitable for farming
8. climate – the average annual weather conditions in a given location
9. permafrost – permanently frozen soil
10. urban – an industrialized area of a city or town

Week 3

11. Germanic – languages deriving from the early Germanic peoples of Northern and Central Europe
12. Romance – languages deriving from Latin, which was spoken during the Roman Empire
13. Slavic – languages deriving from the early Slavic peoples of Eastern Europe
14. monotheistic – believing in and/or worshipping a single deity (i.e., one God)
15. Allies – the victorious alliance of nations in World War I

Week 4

16. Central Powers – the defeated alliance of nations in World War I
17. armistice – a formal ceasefire
18. communism – a sociopolitical model wherein all property is publically owned and workers are paid according to their abilities and needs
19. fascist – a political movement supporting strong, authoritarian government dictatorship
20. anti-Semitism – racial bias or prejudice against Jews

Week 5

21. Axis Powers – the defeated alliance of nations in World War II
22. Iron Curtain – a term coined by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill describing the sociopolitical and ideological divide between the West and East (especially the Soviet Union)
23. Cold War – a state of political hostility between countries without an outright declaration of war
24. Berlin Wall – a 91-mile wall surrounding West Berlin from 1961 through 1989
25. propaganda – information, usually misleading or biased, designed to promote a particular political ideology

Week 6

26. autocratic – a government where political authority rests with a single leader
27. democratic – a government where political authority rests with a nation's citizens
28. bicameral – having a legislature divided into an upper and a lower house
29. parliament – common name given to the legislature in a parliamentary democracy
30. economic system – an economic model used by governments to determine what should be produced/provided in terms of goods and services, how, and for whom