Word Quest 5

List 15 · History and the past

Vocabulary and example	Write it

altar n. /ˈɒltə/

a table in a church or temple for religious ceremonies

Family: altars **Tip:** Don't confuse with "alter" (to change).

Candles burned on the **altar**.

archaeology n. /ˌɑːkiːˈɒlədʒi/

the study of old cultures by digging up their remains

Family: archaeologist (n.) · archaeological (adj.)

She studies **archaeology** in Xi'an.

corps n. /kɔː/

a group of people doing a special job, especially in the army

Family: corps (pl.) **Tip:** Pronounced "core". Same spelling in the plural.

He joined the medical **corps**.

curse n./v. /kɜːs/

words that ask a magic power to harm someone; also, a rude word

Family: curses · cursed

The witch put a **curse** on the prince.

divine adj. /dɪˈvaɪn/

about God or a god

Family: divinely (adv.)

The emperor claimed **divine** power.

enlist v. /enˈlɪst/

to join the army; also, to ask for help

Family: enlists · enlisted

He **enlisted** in the army at eighteen.

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legacy n. /ˈlegəsi/

something left by someone after they die

Family: legacies

The writer's **legacy** is her books.

naval adj. /ˈneɪvl/

about the navy

Family: navy (n.)

The city has a **naval** base.

noble adj./n. /ˈnəʊbl/

of high social rank; also, morally good

Family: nobles · nobility (n.)

It was a **noble** act to help the poor.

originate v. /əˈrɪdʒɪneɪt/

to begin; to come from

Family: originates · originated · origin (n.) **Use it with:** originate in/from

Tea **originated** in China.

pastor n. /ˈpæstə/

a Christian church leader

Family: pastors

The **pastor** gave a short speech.

preach v. /priːtʃ/

to give a religious talk; also, to give advice in an annoying way

Family: preaches · preached · preacher (n.)

Don't **preach** to me about healthy food!

prehistoric adj. /ˌpriːhɪˈstɒrɪk/

from the time before history was written

We saw **prehistoric** cave paintings.

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raid n./v. /reɪd/

a sudden attack

Family: raids · raided

Vikings made **raids** on English villages.

reign n./v. /reɪn/

the time when a king or queen rules

Family: reigns · reigned **Tip:** Sounds like "rain".

Queen Victoria's **reign** lasted 63 years.

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Renaissance n. /rɪ'neɪsəns/

the period in Europe (14th–17th century) of new art and learning

Tip: Always a capital R.

Leonardo da Vinci was a **Renaissance** artist.

rite n. /raɪt/

a traditional ceremony

Family: rites **Use it with:** a rite of passage

The wedding included old **rites**.

withdraw v. /wɪθ'drɔː/

to move back or away; also, to take money from a bank

Family: withdraws · withdrew · withdrawn · withdrawal (n.) **Use it with:** withdraw money

The army **withdrew** from the city.

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