



American Civilizations I Honors  
Summer Assignment 2021

Students entering into American Civilizations I Honors are expected to show mastery of academic vocabulary. The terms listed below are commonly used by historians in the field of social studies, especially American history, and often appear on advanced placement exams.

All incoming honors students must familiarize themselves with this academic vocabulary before class begins as they will be expected to utilize these terms fluently throughout the school year.

During summer break, students are required to look up the definitions of each word and write them (by hand) into a glossary in the back of a three-subject notebook. Words may have multiple definitions so students should choose the definition that would be most applicable to social studies.

Once this step is complete, students must then study these words to gain mastery. Students should write their own sentence for each word within a context of American history as a way of reinforcing their study. As always, students are encouraged to read on their own; should they encounter these words as they are independently reading, they should cite the source (title, author, page number) and include the sentence as part of their own definition.

Simply printing out definitions without taking the time to study and review these academic terms will have no benefit. Students will be given a grade for the hand-written completion of their glossaries.

All questions and communications regarding this assignment may be sent to Mr. Casalino ([jcasalino@ltps.org](mailto:jcasalino@ltps.org)) and Mr. Wolf ([dwolf@ltps.org](mailto:dwolf@ltps.org)).

Advocate	Agrarian	Anglo-Saxon	Annex	Antebellum
Antinomianism	Assimilation	Autocracy	Autonomy	Belligerent
Bicameral	Boycott	Bureaucracy	Catalyst	Caucus
Cede	Chattel	Coalition	Coercion	Conciliatory
Confederation	Conscription	Conservative	Deists	Delegates
Denomination (religious)	Depository (of funds)	Diaspora	Diplomacy	Dissident
Disenfranchise	Doctrine	Dogma	Electorate	Embargo
Emigration	Encroachment	Eurocentric	Exacerbate	Federalism
Fiscal	Framer (of the Constitution)	Freeman	Gentry	Ideology
Immigrate	Impeach	Impressment	Insurgent	Kinship
Laissez-faire	Libel	Liberal	Mandate	Manumission
Mercantilist	Moderate	Nativism	Naturalization	Neutrality
Nullify	Oligarchy	Ordinance	Partisan	Patriarchal
Plutocracy	Populist	Pragmatist	Precedent	Predestination
Primogeniture	Progressive	Proprietary	Pundit	Radical
Ratify	Recession	Reconcile	Referendum	Repatriate
Repeal	Revival	Rhetoric	Secede	Sectionalism
Secular	Sedition	Self-determination	Socialist	Social Mobility
Sovereignty	Speculation	Speculators	Squatter	Stratified
Suffrage	Tariff	Temperance	Textile	Theocracy
Tidewater	Usurpation	Xenophobia	Yeoman	Zealous