



GLOSSARY



AEROSPACE ENGINEERING (noun) — the field of engineering that deals with the development of aircraft and spacecraft

BIRACIAL (adjective) — having parents from two different racial groups

CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT (noun) — a decades-long struggle for justice and equality for Black Americans that mainly took place in the 1950s and 1960s

COLONIAL (adjective) — this refers to the situation where one country exerts control over another country or area

COMPLEXION (noun) — the natural color of a person's skin

CONSERVATION (noun) — a movement focused on protecting animals, plants, and things found in nature and carefully using natural resources, such as water or trees, so they are not wasted

DISCRIMINATION (noun) — the unfair treatment of a person or group in a certain category, especially based on skin color, age, gender, or religion

DIVERSITY (noun) — including or involving people with differences in skin color, ethnicity, age, ability, appearance, culture, language, or religion

DYNASTY (noun) — a family or group who rules a country or region over a long period of time

DYSLEXIA (noun) — a learning issue where a person has trouble connecting letters, numbers, or symbols, making it more difficult to read, write, or spell

EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION (noun) — an order issued by President Abraham Lincoln that freed “all persons held as slaves” within the US states that seceded from the Union in the lead-up to the Civil War

EQUITABLE (adjective) — fair and equal

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER (noun) — the person who finances or oversees the work of all other producers during the creation of a film, television show, or other performance

FOSTER (verb, adjective) — providing or receiving parental care without being related

HARLEM RENAISSANCE (noun) — a cultural explosion of Black literature, art, and music centered in the Harlem neighborhood of New York City during the 1920s and 1930s

HERITAGE (noun) — a person's sense of family identity handed down from previous generations and informed by ethnicity, cultural traditions, and other beliefs

HIJAB (noun) — a traditional head and neck covering worn by Muslim women

IMMIGRANT (noun) — a person who comes to a country to live there permanently

LATINX (adjective) — a gender-neutral alternative to “Latino” or “Latina” to describe someone of Latin American descent

LEGACY (noun) — a person's mark on the world that lives on after they stop working or pass away

LIBERATION (noun) — the act of setting someone free from something, such as oppression, enslavement, or imprisonment

MIDWIFE (noun) — someone trained to help pregnant women during childbirth

MIXED-RACE (adjective) — having parents from two or more racial groups

OPHTHALMOLOGY (noun) — a branch of medicine focused on the study and treatment of eye disorders and diseases

PARLIAMENT (noun) — an elected group of people who make laws in certain types of governments

PHYSICS (noun) — the branch of science that focuses on energy, matter, motion, and force

PSYCHOLOGY (noun) — the study of the human mind and behavior

RACISM (noun) — a belief that certain racial groups are superior or inferior to others, often leading to unfair or violent treatment of people based on their skin color or ethnicity

REFUGEE (noun) — a person who is forced to leave their country because of war, exile, or natural disaster or for political or religious reasons

REVOLUTION (noun) — when people attempt to overthrow a government

SECOND-GENERATION (adjective) — referring to the native-born children of immigrants

SEGREGATION (noun) — the act of isolating or separating people from one another based on skin color, religion, economic class, or another factor

SHARECROPPER (noun) — a farmer who raises crops for the landowner in exchange for a place to live and some (often small) portion of the money earned from the crops

SOCIAL JUSTICE (noun) — the view that everyone deserves equal access to wealth, privileges, and opportunities

STEREOTYPE (noun) — an unfair or untrue idea or depiction of another person or group of people

TRANSGENDER (adjective) — when a person's gender identity is not the same as the one assigned at birth

UNANIMOUS (adjective) — when all the members of a group are in total agreement on a decision

UNION (noun) — a group of workers who band together to protect their working rights

