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### **Setting the Stage**

In 2009 there was considerable discussion re: the wording of the 2009 Comparative essay question which included the phrase “racial ideology.” Some teachers felt that students might not be able to answer the question because they were not familiar with the term “ideology.”

Regardless of how one feels about this specific term, it quickly became apparent that teachers have an unofficial set of general vocabulary terms that we expect students to know without us actually teaching them. Rob Plunkett and I attempted to create such a list. We tried to restrict ourselves to general terms that did not fall into one specific historical unit, era, or place, but teachers are welcome to edit the list as they see fit.

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# AP World History

## History Jargon

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abolition	coincidence	dualism	incarnation / incarnate
absolutism	colony, colonial	dynasty	indenture (v.)
administer / -stration	Columbian Exchange		independence
afro-	communal	eclectic	industrialism
agrarian	communism	economy / economic	-ism / -ist / -ize
amer-	conjuncture	egalitarian	
analyze / analysis	conscript / -ion	elite	judiciary / judicial
anarchism / anarchy	conservative	empire / emperor	junta
ancient	constitutionalism	enlighten	
anti-semitism	consumer / -ism	entrepôt	kin / kinship
appeasement	conflate	era	
arable	consumer	ethic	laissez-faire
archaeology	context	ethnic / ethno-	-lateral (uni- bi- multi-)
archaic	continent	euro-	the Left
architecture	contingency	executive (branch)	legislature / legislative
-archy	convention / -al	expense	legitimacy
argue / argument	converge		liberal
aristocracy	corporation / corporate	fascism	-logy
atheism	corollary	feminism	
asceticism	correlation	feudalism	malnutrition
authoritarian / -ism	cosmopolitan	fief / fiefdom	mandate (v. & n.)
	coup d'état	filial	manifest / manifesto
balance of power	-cracy	fiscal	manuscript
balance of trade	craft (n. & v.)	forage	maritime
barbarian	credit	frame of reference	material
bureaucracy	currency	free trade	materiel
border (national)		frontier	medieval
bourgeoisie	Darwinism	fundamental / -ism	mercantilism
bureaucracy	debit		meso-
	debt	genocide	meta-
capital / -ism	deficit	geo-	metallurgy
capitol	deforestation	globalization	metropole /-politan
capitulate	deity / deism	government	middle class
cartel	democracy	-graphy	migration
casualty	demography	guild	militarism
causation	destiny		minister (of) ...
celibacy / celibate	determinism	hegemony	modernity
central / -centric	dictator / -ship	helio-	monarchy
circa (c. ca.)	diffuse / diffusion	hierarchy	monastery/monastic
city-state	diplomacy	historiography	monetary
citizen	diversity	hyper-	mono-
civilization	divinity / divine	hypo-	monogamy
chauvinism	doctrine		monopoly
chivalry	document (v. & n.)	iberian	monsoon
class struggle	dogma / dogmatic	identity	mortality
classical	domestic	ideology	nation
coerce / coercive	draft (v. & n.)	imperialism	nation-state

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neo-	post-	revolution	teleology / teleological
NGOs	pragmatism / pragmatic	the Right	terminal
nobility / noble	priest	rimland	territory / territorial
nomad / nomadic	primary	rural	terrorism
nun	principal	Russo-	textile
	principle		theocracy
optimism	proletariat	sacred	Third World
oracle	propaganda	scholastic	totalitarian
oral	protectorate	secede / secession	tradition
orthodox	proto-	secondary	trust (n.)
	province / provincial	secular	
pacifism	push-pull factors	sedentary	unanimity
pagan	psycho-	segregation	union (n.)
paleo-		serf / serfdom	urban
pan-	qualify	shaman / -ism	utopian
papal / papacy	quandry	Sino-	
pastoral	quantify	skepticism	veneration
paternal	quantity	slavery	verbal / verbabize / verbificate <sup>1</sup>
patriarch / -archy	quest	Social Darwinism	vernacular
patrician		social democracy	viceroy
peasant	racism / racial	socialism	
peonage	radical	socio-economic	
period	rational / rationale	sovereignty / sovereign	the West
perspective	raw material	sphere of influence	working class
pessimism	rebel / rebellion	state (n.)	world-systems theory
pilgrim / pilgrimage	reform	status quo ante bellum	
plague	regime	strata / stratification	
point of view	reincarnation	subsistence	
political / politics	republic	syncretic	
poly-	revenue		

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<sup>1</sup> Just kidding! ☺