

VOCABULARY 1

advocate (v) to plead in favor of; **(n)** supporter; defender

berate (v) scold; reprove; reproach; criticize

connoisseur (n) expert; authority

disperse (v) to scatter; separate

fastidious (adj) fussy; hard to please

hierarchy (n) body of people, things, or concepts divided into ranks

insolvent (adj) bankrupt; not able to pay debts

motif (n) theme

pessimism (n) seeing only the gloomy side; hopelessness

reiterate (v) repeat; to state again

stamina (n) endurance

vacuous (adj) containing nothing; empty

artifact (n) any object made by human beings, characteristic of an earlier time or cultural stage

culture (n) ways of living built up by a group of human beings and transmitted from one generation to another; the behaviors and beliefs characteristic of a particular social, ethnic, or age group

esthetic (n) a guiding principle in matters of artistic beauty and taste; artistic sensibility

politics (n) the art or science of government or governing, especially the governing of a political entity, such as a nation, and the administration and control of its internal and external affairs

rites (n) the prescribed or customary form for conducting a religious or other solemn ceremony

simulation (n) the act or process of pretending; feigning

technology (n) methods, materials, and devices used to solve practical problems

universal (n) applicable everywhere or in all cases; general