



American History

Unit 9 – Terms Example

Comprehensive Sentence examples from the work of one student in previous years:

- 1. patent**
 - a. If patents did not exist, people would receive credit and money for inventions that they did not come up with, this would so unfair!
- 2. productivity**
 - a. In a restaurant, productivity is very important so that the all of the customer's meals are served on time.
- 3. transcontinental railroad**
 - a. In the late 1800s, if you wanted to get from Boston to the Pacific Ocean quickly, you could ride the transcontinental railroad.
- 4. Bessemer process**
 - a. If it hadn't been for the Bessemer process, the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City would have taken much, much longer to build or might never have been built at all.
- 5. mass production**
 - a. The mass production of hamburgers and French fries is part of the very popular trend known as "fast food".
- 6. social Darwinism**
 - a. If I have a flower shop and it grows and makes lots of money and my friend also has a flower shop across town and she goes bankrupt and must close down her shop, I know I succeeded because of the theory of social Darwinism: I succeed because I am better and more equipped to run a flower shop. She failed because she couldn't keep up and compete with me.
- 7. oligopoly**
 - a. The cola companies, Pepsi and Coca Cola, are an oligopoly because they pretty much control the soda industry all over the world.
- 8. monopoly**
 - a. Ziggy's is the only place in Bliss to get an espresso, so they have a monopoly on espresso in Bliss.
- 9. cartel**
 - a. Jerome Cheese Company and Glambia are a cartel because they are loosely associated and they both make cheese in the Magic Valley.
- 10. vertical consolidation**
 - a. It is vertical consolidation when one company owns the entire process of making, producing, and selling one product such as cigarettes.
- 11. collective bargaining**
 - a. The entire student body at Bliss High School wanted to be able to use their cell phones in school, so they went to Mr. Smith and used collective bargaining to at least be able to use them between classes.
- 12. industrial union**
 - a. In the industry of hair products, all workers in all phases of production, selling, and advertising all hair products are part of an industrial union.

13. scab

- a. The employees decided to strike against their boss because he would not give paid vacations to anyone no matter how long they had worked at his company. Unfortunately a group of dirty, rotten scabs were called in to work instead and the strike was worthless.

14. anarchist

- a. Timothy McVey was an anarchist because he hated the government and bombed a federal building in Oklahoma to prove his hatred.

15. Haymarket Riot

- a. The Haymarket Riot in Chicago was bloody and out of control and it eventually was not even successful because nothing got accomplished.

16. Homestead Strike

- a. Workers at Carnegie Steel were infuriated at their bosses when they realized that their paychecks were going to be cut for no reason at all. They got together and decided to strike against the company. The Homestead Strike was quite successful because it was organized and no scabs were available to work.

17. Pullman Strike

- a. The Pullman Strike was a step forward for railroad workers who were demanding fair treatment and decent work hours.

18. economies of scale

- a. When the production of Xboxes increases and there are tons of Xboxes available, the price of those Xboxes will be lowered because of the idea of economies of scale.

19. horizontal consolidation

- a. Horizontal consolidation would happen if all the businesses that make lip gloss would join together to make one large company that produce and sell lip gloss.

20. trust

- a. The Chamber of Commerce in Gooding is kind of like a trust because they manage the success of all of the different businesses in that town.

21. Sherman Antitrust Act

- a. If you were to start a company that somehow restrained or stopped the transfer of products between Oregon and Idaho, the Sherman Antitrust Act would make that illegal.

22. piecework

- a. Kristy and I both work at a shoe factory doing piecework; we both worked 12 hours today, but since she made 100 shoes and I only made 82, Kristy got paid almost twice as much as me.

23. sweatshop

- a. There are sweatshops in India right now where women and children work long hours under horrible conditions for a few dollars a day making clothes for Walmart.

24. division of labor

- a. At my job there is a division of labor. I make create the frame of a vehicle, the people in the next department put the wheels on the vehicle, and in the last department the workers there paint the vehicle. I never get to see the finished product!

25. socialism

- a. If our government owned all the property in the country and paid and nobody was allowed to own property, this would be a country of socialism.

26. craft union

- a. The union that I belong to is a craft union because everyone who can bake and decorate wedding cakes belongs to it.