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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 18A

crucial	racial	specialization	commercial	partially	substantial
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DEFINITIONS: Numbers 1 through 7 show definitions of the list words. Select the correct word that matches the definition from the two words at the end of each line and write it in the blank space provided.

1. Having to do with a person's race: _____ (partially, racial)
2. A part of something – not total - incomplete: _____ (partially, racial)
3. Extremely important or vital: _____ (crucial, substantial)
4. Quite large in quantity or size: _____ (crucial, substantial)
5. Having to do with buying and selling - commerce: _____ (specialization, commercial)
6. The survival of an organism in a special type of environment: _____ (specialization, partially)

DEFINITION CLUES: Choose the word that best goes with the statement or riddle. Write it in the blank space below.

7. Polar bears needing cold weather to survive are an example of this biological concept: _____
8. Consumption of food would obviously be this since without it we would perish (die): _____
9. Not hiring someone because of their skin color is an example of this type of discrimination: _____
10. An earthquake that causes buildings to collapse would be considered this: _____
11. If you put icing on half of a cake it would be completed this much: _____
12. Selling seafood (or anything) would be an example of this type of business: _____

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK: Read the sentence. Choose the vocabulary word that best goes in the blank space provided.

13. The **polar bear** is native to the Arctic. Its thick blubber and fur provide insulation, enabling it to survive frigid temperatures. It feeds on seals, young walruses and whales. Long-term studies show decreases in sea ice due to global warming will reduce their population by two-thirds by the year 2050. Polar bears are an example of _____ since their survival depends on a narrow range of conditions.
14. Fishing for cod has been practiced for centuries. It began during the days of the **Vikings**. They discovered that salting and drying cod fish prevented spoiling, thereby allowing them to take it on long voyages. The selling and trading of cod became a successful _____ business for the Vikings.
15. An earthquake occurs when land moves in different directions along a **fault line**. There have been a number of famous earthquakes in history. On November 1, 1755, the city of Lisbon, Portugal was shaken by an earthquake that killed thousands from falling buildings and a 50 foot high tsunami. An earthquake that can topple buildings and generate a large tsunami would certainly be considered _____.
16. Civil rights is the right that each person has to being treated fairly and equally among all citizens. Martin Luther King was one of the main leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. He led the **Montgomery Bus Boycott**, which was organized after Rosa Parks was arrested for not giving up her bus seat to a "white person." Dr. King dedicated his life to working hard to end _____ discrimination.
17. The painting of George Washington found on the one dollar bill was painted by George Stuart. Stuart never completed the painting so that he could draw copies and sell them for \$100 apiece. Washington is said to have been annoyed by the artist's behavior and even traveled to the studio to demand his portrait. George Stuart died in 1828 and the painting remained _____ complete.
18. The **food chain** is basically the order in which organisms eat other organisms to stay alive. It begins with the smallest organisms and ends with the largest. The food chain for ocean creatures is different than for rain forest creatures. For example, the bottom of the ocean food chain starts with microscopic organisms such as algae. The algae (also called plankton) are eaten by small creatures such as shrimp. The shrimp are then eaten by small fish such as mackerel, herring, crabs and squid. The small fish are then eaten by bigger fish such as tuna and swordfish. The bigger fish are then eaten by killer whales. Since shrimp are low on the food chain, their survival is _____ for the survival of most ocean creatures.

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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 18B

fragile	tragedy	register	registered	privilege	submerged
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DEFINITIONS: Numbers 1 through 7 show definitions of the list words. Select the correct word that matches the definition from the two words at the end of each line and write it in the blank space provided.

1. A dreadful event resulting in great loss and misfortune: _____ (tragedy, register)
2. A book used to record the names of people, events or places: _____ (register, fragile)
3. Signing up for something by entering your name: _____ (tragedy, registered)
4. Something that is easily broken - delicate: _____ (register, fragile)
5. A special right or advantage given to a person: _____ (privilege, submerged)
6. Underneath water or another liquid: _____ (privilege, submerged)

DEFINITION CLUES: Choose the word that best goes with the statement or riddle. Write it in the blank space provided.

7. A submarine is designed to operate this way: _____
8. A play that was not amusing and ended in hardships and misfortune would be this: _____
9. Before you can vote, you must prove your citizenship and do this by filling out a form: _____
10. If your name has been added to the list of people allowed to vote, then you are this: _____
11. A glass that is very easily broken would be this: _____
12. While “free speech” is considered a right, driving a car is considered this: _____

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK: Read the sentence. Choose the vocabulary word that best goes in the blank space provided.

13. **William Shakespeare** is a well known historic poet and writer of plays. His most famous work was done between 1590 and 1610. One of his most popular plays is *Romeo and Juliet*. It is about two teenagers who fall in love and commit suicide because they cannot be together. This play is considered a _____.
14. The United States government has created an official list of the nation’s cultural resources that are worthy of preservation. It is a list of historic buildings, structures, sites and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, and culture. It is organized by the **National Park Service** and called the National _____. Go to www.naps.gov/nr to research listings in the register.
15. For something to be added to the **National Register** it must meet certain criteria. It should be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to American history or be associated with the lives of persons significant in American past. If it meets the guidelines, a group of professionals review the information. If it is a worthy entry it will then be _____ as part of the National Register.
16. On March 24, 1989, an oil tanker called the **Exxon Valdez** hit a reef in Prince William’s Sound in Alaska. It spilled an estimated 11 million gallons of crude oil and was one of the largest oil spills and ecological disasters in U.S. history. Oil floats on top of water which increases exposure to many forms of wildlife. Just a few drops of oil on the feathers of sea birds allow water to reach the animal’s skin, thereby resulting in hypothermia (low body temperature). Animals also died by suffocation and ingestion of toxic oil. Total deaths in the first few days after the spill included between 1,000 and 2,800 sea otters, 302 harbour seals and more than 250,000 seabirds. Bottom dwelling creatures such as shrimp, crucial in the food chain, were also killed. Accidents such as this show how _____ the environment can be to oil spills.
17. If you are a citizen of the United States, you have the right to speak your mind (free speech), the right to worship as you feel (freedom of religion) and many others, all of which can be seen in the **Bill of Rights**. While “rights” can never be taken away, a _____, such as driving a car, can be taken away.
18. German **U-Boat** submarines operate _____ and destroyed about 4,700 Allied ships in WWII.

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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 18C

weep	fleet	seize	leisure	briefly	leadership
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DEFINITIONS: Numbers 1 through 7 show definitions of the list words. Select the correct word that matches the definition from the two words at the end of each line and write it in the blank space provided.

1. To grab or take hold of something suddenly: _____ (leisure, seize)
2. Free time from work or duties: _____ (leisure, seize)
3. To cry loudly because you feel very sad or very emotional: _____ (weep, briefly)
4. For a short time: _____ (weep, briefly)
5. The ability of someone to have others follow in their direction or ideas: _____ (leadership, fleet)
6. A number of ships, planes, or cars that form a group: _____ (leadership, fleet)

DEFINITION CLUES: Choose the word that best goes with the clue. Write it in the blank space provided.

7. A parent may do this if their child was suddenly killed or severely injured: _____
8. Time spent playing soccer, watching television or just relaxing after work is called this: _____
9. Ships sailing together to find riches in a new place could be called this: _____
10. Pain is something that we hope only lasts *for this duration*: _____
11. If someone could not gain the trust and confidence of others, he or she could not provide this: _____
12. If someone stopped paying their mortgage, the bank would eventually do this to the property: _____

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK: Read the sentence. Choose the vocabulary word that best goes in the blank space provided.

13. At the end of several wars between England and France, peace was finally achieved in 1715 with the signing of the treaty known as the **Peace of Utrecht**. Spain was now in dire need of financial relief, so the King sent 11 ships to America to bring back urgently needed gold and silver. While returning to Spain, the ships encountered a hurricane along Florida's central east coast. The entire _____ of 11 ships was destroyed on a reef, killing thousands of crew and stranding survivors on the hostile beach.
14. News of the 11 ships destroyed in the Florida hurricane spread. In early January 1716, the pirate Henry Jennings attacked the Spanish camp and would successfully _____ gold coins and valuables.
15. The **Industrial Revolution** in the early 1800's resulted in 14 or 15 hour workdays in a factory. By 1847, the full 10 Hour Act became law which provided more _____ time for workers.
16. The **Bozeman Trail** was a time saving land route connecting the Oregon Trail to the gold rush territory of Montana. However, it went directly through the middle of Native American territory. **Red Cloud** was a Native American chief who successfully led attacks to stop the development of the **Bozeman Trail**. During the U.S. Civil War, Ulysses S. Grant was the general leading Union Army forces while Robert E. Lee was the Confederate General. Whether an Army General or a Native American Chief, the person must be able to gain people's trust and admiration in order to provide successful _____.
17. The **Anglo-Zanzibar War** is known as the shortest war in history. It was fought between the United Kingdom and Zanzibar on August 27, 1896. It started when the nephew of the Sultan of Zanzibar seized power after his uncle died. The war lasted only _____, with a duration of 38 minutes.
18. Approximately 6 million European Jews were executed by Nazi Germany after Hitler's rise to power in the 1930's. The **Holocaust** (holl-uh-cost) is the name given to this period of persecution and extermination. While initial executions were often conducted using vehicle exhaust, this changed in the early 1940's by gassing with a lice pesticide called **Zyklon B**. Hearing or witnessing the suffering and sudden deaths of family or friends in these disasters would cause many to _____.

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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 18D

racism	cyanide	centennial	cemetery	Caesar	legacy
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DEFINITIONS: Numbers 1 through 7 show definitions of the list words. Select the correct word that matches the definition from the two words at the end of each line and write it in the blank space provided.

1. The 100th year celebration of an event: _____ (centennial, cemetery)
2. A place where dead people are buried: _____ (cyanide, cemetery)
3. A belief that certain people by birth and nature are superior to others: _____ (legacy, racism)
4. Anything handed down from the past: _____ (legacy, racism)
5. A highly poisonous chemical used in making plastics and pesticides: _____ (cyanide, Caesar)
6. A famous Roman military and political leader over 2000 years ago: _____ (cyanide, Caesar)

DEFINITION CLUES: Choose the word that best goes with the statement or riddle. Write it in the blank space provided.

7. This chemical is used in agriculture to kill organisms and can also kill people: _____
8. The title eventually given to all Roman emperors (leaders): _____
9. Someone reaching their 100th birthday would have this type of celebration: _____
10. Someone who believes that all people are created equal would not believe in this: _____
11. After someone dies, they are often buried here: _____
12. What someone did in their life is remembered as this after they die: _____

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK: Read the sentence. Choose the vocabulary word that best goes in the blank space provided.

13. **Mary Bethune** created schools for black students and worked with several U.S. presidents to insure all children received a good education. She founded Bethune-Cookman University in 1904. **John Brown** was a Civil War abolitionist who captured a weapons building facility in 1859. His plan was to start an armed uprising against slavery. **Jesse Jackson** worked to get equal jobs for Blacks and later ran for President of the United States. **John F. Kennedy** was president during the 1960's Civil Rights Movement and helped pass laws to make sure all Blacks could vote and get a good education. These leaders worked for equality for all people, and therefore, were fighting _____.
14. Sometimes it is impossible to identify the name of the soldier killed in war if the wounds were severe. In circumstances such as this, their remains are buried in a special memorial. Many countries have memorials for their unknown war dead. England has one in Westminster Abbey in London. The French have one under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Similar tombs are in Baghdad, Russia and elsewhere. The United States has one called the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** located just outside Washington, D.C, as part of the Arlington National _____ in Virginia.
15. Emperor Julius Casear played a critical role in the transformation of the **Roman Republic** into the **Roman Empire** in the 1st century B.C. 11 men held this position after him, each given the title of _____.
16. Julius Caesar was a controversial figure. He was criticized for his attack on the Roman Republic but also admired for his support for people less fortunate. After gaining power, he worked to acquire land for those without land. He extended citizenship to people living outside of central Italy. He began improvements in streets and in the political and economic center of Rome called the **Roman Forum**. These events contributed to Caesar's _____ and are why he is considered the most influential Roman leader.
17. The first landing of a manned spacecraft on the moon was in 1969. It was part of the Apollo 11 mission. Commander Neil Armstrong was the first to step foot on the moon. One hundred years after this event, in the year 2069, it will be the _____ anniversary of Mr. Armstrong's walk on the moon.
18. A poisonous compound used in making plastics, rat poisons and agricultural chemicals is _____.