Vocabulary Builder Activity

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A. Content Vocabulary

Directions Select a vocabulary term from the box that best answers each question below. More than one term may answer a question. Write the term(s) in the blank. Some terms may be used more than once.

peninsula	polis	agora
phalanx	tyrant	oligarchy
democracy	helot	ephor
representative democracy	philosopher	direct democracy
satrapy	satrap	Zoroastrianism
colony	bard	

1. Which of these is

a. an enslaved person in Sparta? _____

b. a gathering place? _____

c. a settlement in a new territory ? _____

d. a storyteller? _____

e. a formation of armed soldiers _____

2. Which of these is

a. an absolute ruler? _____

b. a government by the people? _____

c. a religion? _____

d. a government in which a small group has control? _____

e. a province in ancient Persia? _____

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3. Which of these is

    a. a person who searches for wisdom? _____

    b. a Greek city-state? _____

    c. land nearly surrounded by water? _____

    d. governor of a Persian province? _____

    e. an elected council member in
       Sparta's government? _____

4. In which type of government do

    a. citizens participate first-hand in the
       decision-making process? _____

    b. citizens elect officials to govern on
       their behalf? _____

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B. Academic Vocabulary: Word Family Chart

Many English words can be changed into different parts of speech. A noun is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea. Examples include bards and satraps. A verb is a word that is used to describe an action, experience, or state of being. Examples include invade or trade. An adjective answers the question what kind, how many, or which one. Examples include excellent and latest. Sometimes the base of a word can be changed slightly to make a noun, verb, or adjective. Look at the example below:

> Noun: isolation
> Verb: isolate
> Adjective: isolated

Directions Complete the chart below with the correct word forms. You may use a dictionary to help you.

Noun	Verb	Adjective
1.	2.	Economic
stability	3.	4.
5.	conclude	6.
7.	emphasize	8.
9.	10.	sufficient
11.	dominate	12.

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C. Combined Vocabulary Reinforcement

> **Directions** Complete the following sentences by selecting the content or academic vocabulary term that best fits. You may need to change the form of the word to fit the sentence. Not all terms will be used.

tyrant	philosopher	communities
ephor	colony	polis
military	democracy	helots
direct democracy	Zoroastrianism	satraps
obtain	satrapies	peninsula

1. Each Greek city-state or _____ was affected by the fact that Greece was a _____ , and surrounded by water on three sides.

2. Sparta emphasized a strong _____ and did not evolve into a _____ .

3. All city-states had enslaved people who could not _____ their freedom. In Sparta, enslaved people were called _____ .

4. The government of Athens changed over time from rule by _____ to rule by a _____ .

5. Persian ruler Darius divided his empire into provinces called _____ and appointed governors called _____ .

6. Pericles supported the arts and intellectual thinking by encouraging bards and _____ .