

1. **amnesty:** official government pardon
2. **freedmen:** former slaves
3. **debt:** money owed
4. **politics:** profession and actions relating to the government (and government office)
5. **lame duck:** official who has not been or cannot be re-elected and is serving out his/her term
6. **immigrant:** person who enters a country to settle there
7. **reservation:** land set aside by the government for the use of Native American people
8. **strategy:** a plan of action
9. **market:** place (town, country, etc.) where goods are offered for sale
10. **graft:** personal gains made from dishonest political connections
11. **investor:** one who provides money to a business to reap financial rewards
12. **illiterate:** unable to read and write