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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 12A

contribution	content	confidence	consul	conquest	conqueror
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DEFINITIONS: Numbers 1 through 6 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. Belief or faith that someone will act in a right or proper way: _____ (conquest, confidence)
2. Giving a part to meet a need or reach a particular goal: _____ (contribution, conqueror)
3. Happy and satisfied: _____ (consul, content)
4. Something that is won: _____ (conquest, confidence)
5. Someone who defeats and takes control of an enemy: _____ (contribution, conqueror)
6. The highest elected office in ancient Rome: _____ (consul, content)

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

7. You should feel this way if you have a good job, friends and housing: _____
8. If everyone at your school gave a little bit of money to buy new playground equipment: _____
9. Someone who speaks on a topic they know much about would probably have this: _____
10. You would have to be intelligent and trusted to be appointed to this position in ancient Rome: _____
11. A leader who defeated and took control of an enemy would be this: _____
12. A battle that is won would be this: _____

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

13. The term “**critical mass**” is used in the study of physics and in the study of societies. In physics, it has to do with having enough energy to continue a chain reaction. In societies, it has to do with having enough people believing in something, which then results in changing the minds and opinions of others. Reaching the critical mass with people can make a positive _____ toward improving society.
14. **George Custer** was one of the youngest generals in the Union Army during the U.S. Civil War at age 23. After the war ended, he was put in charge of the 7th Cavalry. Their assignment was to stop Indian attacks that had increased partially because white settlers were breaking treaty agreements by advancing too far westward. In the famous **Battle of the Little Bighorn** (also called Custer’s Last Stand), Custer and over 200 of his men were killed as they were surrounded by over 1800 Cheyenne Indians. A lack of planning and over _____ may have contributed to Custer’s loss in the Battle of the Little Bighorn.
15. Many people think that if they only had more money they would be happier. This is not always the case. Interviews with lottery winners have found that sometimes their lives become quite unhappy after winning. Perhaps all of us should learn to be more _____ with things we have, such as family and friends.
16. **Francisco Pizarro** was a Spanish conquistador who lived from 1476 to 1541. He was part of three expeditions that left from Panama. Their goal was the _____ of Peru. His last expedition was successful in attacking and overpowering the Incan army.
17. **Hernándo Cortés** was a Spanish conquistador known as the _____ of the Aztec empire.
18. The **Roman Civilization** is divided into several periods. It began in 753 BC with the Roman Kingdom which continued for about 240 years until 510 BC. The Roman Republic then began and lasted over 450 years until Julius Ceasar was appointed dictator of Rome in 44 BC. The Roman Empire then lasted about 500 years until the year 476 AD. During the middle period of the Roman Republic, the highest governmental position was held by two people whose powers were administrative, legislative and judicial. They also needed battle skills during wartime. The person elected to this position was called a _____.

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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 12B

affection	connection	confederation	occasionally	traditional	provisions
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DEFINITIONS: **DEFINITIONS:** Numbers 1 through 6 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 link between objects, people, ideas, etc.: _____ (connection, traditional)
2. A great liking for someone or something: _____ (affection, confederation)
3. Happening now and then: _____ (provisions, occasionally)
4. The state of being banded together – alliance: _____ (affection, confederation)
5. A supply of groceries or food: _____ (provisions, occasionally)
6. Something that is based on custom: _____ (connection, traditional)

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

7. Opposite of frequently: _____
8. You might feel this for a close friend: _____
9. Dried fruit, canned tuna, crackers, bottled water: _____
10. If a group of people came together for a common cause, this has been formed: _____
11. A railway provides this between towns and cities: _____
12. The decorating of Christmas trees is this: _____

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

13. The U.S. Navy maintains the best special operations group in the world known as the Navy SEALs. Their unit acronym stands for “Sea, Air, Land,” meaning that they are trained to engage in special warfare projects in all three areas. Their missions sometime requires them to be away for days and even weeks. To be prepared for extended missions, they must carry enough _____ to maintain their health.
14. Approximately 40% of the energy consumption in America is used to produce electricity. Our power system is divided into three independent electric grids. The grid system provides a power _____ to each and every home and business within its geographic boundary.
15. In 1861, seven of the U.S. southern states came together in their belief that “state’s rights” were more powerful than federal law. The U.S. Civil War started because these seven states created their own government separate from the rest of the United States. The 7 states were called the _____.
16. **Lent** is the 40 day season of fasting and prayer before Easter in the Christian religion. The 40 days represent the time Jesus spent in the desert, where, according to the Bible, Jesus fasted for 40 days and endured temptation by Satan. **Mardi Gras** is a time of celebration and indulgence that typically occurs during the three day period before the first day of Lent. Mardi Gras is an annual _____ in many cities including New Orleans, Louisiana – and many other cities around the world.
17. Dogs sometime show an unusual devotion and caring for their owners. After their owner has been gone for a long day at work, a dog may jump up and down, wag its tail intensely and even lick its owner on the nose. All of these acts could be considered ways in which the dog shows _____ for its owner.
18. Meteor showers occur when the earth passes through meteor streams. These streams consist of debris left over from the passage of comets. Meteor showers often occur annually. One of the most famous and most watched of all meteor showers is the **Perseids**. At its peak it can produce 50 – 150 meteors per hour. Most particles are smaller than a grain of sand. Meteor showers are really not that rare. There are about 70 different meteor showers that strike the earth each year. Each shower lasting from 1 to 2 weeks. If you take a few minutes each night looking at the sky, you will _____ see a meteor.

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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 12C

attach	adopt	alert	adobe	amuse	arrangement
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DEFINITIONS: Numbers 1 through 6 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 make someone laugh or smile: _____ (adopt, amuse)
2. To accept an idea or a way of doing things: _____ (adopt, amuse)
3. A brick made of clay mixed with straw and dried in the sun: _____ (adobe, attach)
4. To join or connect one thing to another: _____ (adobe, attach)
5. Preparation or planning done in advance: _____ (alert, arrangement)
6. Quick to understand and act: _____ (alert, arrangement)

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

7. If you made someone laugh or smile when you told a story, you did this to them: _____
8. Setting up flight plans with an airport before you take a trip is to make this: _____
9. A magnet would do this if placed close to a piece of metal containing iron: _____
10. If you mixed clay and straw and then dried it in the sun, you made this: _____
11. A police officer who responded as soon as he received a call would be this: _____
12. If you start using a study method that you learned about, then you did this with it: _____

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

13. The “**Battle of the Alamo**,” in 1836, is the most famous battle of the Texas Revolution. The Texas Revolution was a war started by inhabitants of Texas against Mexico because they no longer wanted to be controlled by Mexico. The Mexican Army attacked the Alamo building and killed nearly all people inside this structure made of clay, sand and straw. Structures made of this material are called _____.
14. The first governing document of the United States was the *Articles of Confederation*. It was criticized for being weak in the area of central government. To correct this, a new Constitution was written. The Constitutional Convention would finally _____ the new Constitution on September 17, 1787.
15. The first step in plant reproduction is called pollination. Pollination is the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organ of a plant (called a stamen) to the female reproductive part of another plant (called a pistil). Flying insects, such as bees, make contact with the stamen as they move around the plant. Pollen grains on the stamen _____ themselves to the insect. The insect then moves to other plants in which the pollen attached to them comes in contact with the stamen on other plants causing pollination.
16. The “**Louisiana Purchase**” was the purchase of a large area of land by the United States from **Napolean** controlled France in 1803. The land went from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains and from the Gulf of Mexico to British North America. The purchase was successful because those involved in negotiating were able to come to a satisfactory financial _____.
17. Throughout history cultures have had clowns for entertainment. A pygmy clown performed as a jester in the court of Pharaoh Dadkeri-Assi during Egypt's Fifth Dynasty around 2500 BC. Court jesters were given great freedom of speech to _____ their royal friends.
18. In 1775, the **battle at Lexington and Concord** is remembered as the battle which started the American Revolution. Just days before this battle, the British attempted to capture colonial military stores at Concord. Paul Revere found out about this plan and made his famous ride through Charleston, Massachusetts to _____ colonists about the approaching British Army.

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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 12D

abroad	apprentice	arose	apply	astronomer	accomplishments
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DEFINITIONS: Numbers 1 through 6 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. Someone who learns a skill or trade from someone else: _____ (astronomer, apprentice)
2. In or to another country: _____ (abroad, arose)
3. Things that you have achieved or completed: _____ (apply, accomplishments)
4. To get up from a sitting or lying position: _____ (abroad, arose)
5. To put on something else or to make use of something: _____ (apply, arose)
6. One who studies the stars, planets, and space: _____ (astronomer, apprentice)

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

7. A scientist studying the atmosphere of Venus would be this: _____
8. Putting a bandage on a cut would be an example of doing this: _____
9. A person who sat up in bed did this: _____
10. A display of trophies won running track would be this: _____
11. If you left the United States and went to Peru, then you are now this: _____
12. A man working alongside a carpenter trying to learn the trade would be this: _____

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13. **Galileo** was a great Italian mathematician and physicist. Born 1564, he lived to the age of 78. He constructed telescopes and was the first to report lunar mountains and craters. He observed sunspots and discovered several of Jupiter's moons. During the 16th century people incorrectly believed the earth was the center of the solar system. Galileo spoke out against this belief saying that the sun was actually the center of the solar system. Someone who studies outer space can also be called an _____.
14. When learning a new trade, such as plumbing or carpentry, a new student must work for a master **craftsman** for a prescribed period of time, often as long as three to four years. When sufficiently prepared, the student would then take a series of written and practical exams, and if successful, the _____ would then be considered a **journeyman**.
15. The **Roman Empire** spanned all of Europe, Scandinavia, half of Asia, all of the Middle East and North Africa. The created an amazing road system that was certainly one of their greatest _____.
16. **World War II** began when Germany invaded the country of Poland on September 1, 1939. Germany defeated the Polish defenses rapidly with its new use of **mechanized** equipment (tanks and armored vehicles) and air warfare. On April 9, 1940, Germany made a surprise and successful invasion of Denmark and Norway. About a month later on May 10, German forces invaded the Netherlands and Belgium. By December, 1941, German mechanized **divisions**, invaded the Soviet Union. They destroyed a significant part of the Soviet army. The United States still had not officially entered the war. However, on December 7th, 1941, Japan attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii killing 2,280 and wounding 1,109. The next day the U.S. declared war on Japan and later on Germany. Once the U.S. entered the war, it was primarily fought _____ and not on U.S. soil.
17. Early on Christmas morning, the children could be found scurrying around the gift-laden tree. Eventually, their parents _____ to much merriment and celebration.
18. Future success in the world of business can be credited to sound education and the desire to _____ one's self in a worthy profession.