

**2009 Shaping the World: Conversations on Democracy
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Aborigines – people who lived in an area from the earliest known times; a native

Accessible – easily obtained or available

Accumulating – to collect something over a period of time

Adversity – a state, condition, or instance of serious or continued difficulty or unfavorable fortune

Allotted – to give for a particular purpose

Alternative – another choice or possibility

Animated – seeming alive or to have movement

Apprentice – person who is learning a trade by working with an individual skilled in the trade

Archaeological Investigation – the systematic study of the remains of past human life or activities

Askance – done with a sideways glance; with suspicion or disapproval

Asylum – a place of security and protection

Besieged – to surround a place with an army to prevent people or supplies from getting in or out in order to force surrender

Betwixt – between

Bi-chloride of arsenic – a poisonous chemical compound once used in taxidermy

Bring in to – to introduce; to cause somebody to experience something new

Buffer – reducing or protecting against shock, annoyance, harm, etc.

Colleague – someone who shares the same profession, occupation, or activity

Commissioned – given the rank and the authority of an officer in the military

Confines – within the borders of an area

Contraption – a mechanical device that appears strange or unnecessarily complicated; a gadget

Convicted – found guilty of an offense in a court of law

Corresponded – to communicate by writing a letter

Creation – something made or brought into existence

Critical – absolutely necessary; of great importance

Cultivate – to grow or tend crops

Cultural – relating to intellect, music, and arts

Cumbersome – difficult to handle because of weight or bulk

the right of a sovereign to rule is the will of God; the right to rule is received directly from God and not from the people

Efficiently – working with a minimum of waste or unnecessary effort

Emanates – comes from or comes out of

Embezzled – to secretly and illegally take money that one has been trusted with; fraud

Engagement – a battle between two armies

Errantly – done without a plan and therefore making errors

Ermine – small weasel with dark fur, whose silky winter coat turns white except for a black-tipped tail

Esteem – to set a high value on; to regard with reverence

Evolution – the gradual process of change and development

Exhibited – something shown publicly for display or inspection

Expedition – an organized trip taken by a group of people for a specific reason, such as exploring unknown territory, or conducting a scientific study

Explode – to burst with a sudden release of energy; to rapidly increase

Extension – an additional period of time allowed in which to complete a task

Extraordinary – highly exceptional

Fantasmagorical – extraordinarily fantastic, almost magical

Ferocious – extremely savage or fierce; unrestrained violence and brutality

Formalized – made legitimate by following the customary form

Fallow – plowed but left unseeded for a period of time to regain fertility

Fauna – animals

Flora – plants

Gallows – wooden frame from which a rope is suspended that is used for execution by hanging

Generations – the time between the birth of a parent and the birth of their children

Gimbal – a pivoted support that allows an object to tilt freely in any direction and in effect suspending the object so that it remains horizontal even when its support is tipped

Grid system – A pattern of evenly spaced horizontal and vertical lines on a map that is used as reference for specific points

Grievances – complaints; troubles

Hereditary – having title or possessions through inheritance or by reason of birth

Hewers – one who chops wood with an ax

Horrendous – shockingly terrible; to be shuddered at

Immemorial – beyond memory; a beginning that cannot be remembered or traced

Indentured – a person who must work for another for a specific period of time in exchange for food, shelter, and other necessities

Indulgent – allowing yourself to have or do something that you enjoy

Ingenious – clever and imaginative

Inheritance – money, property, etc. that is received from someone who has died

Innovations – new ideas, methods, or things that are useful

Laborious – requiring much time and effort

Lament – to grieve; to mourn

Legacy – something handed down from one generation to the next

Lethal – capable of causing death

Letter press – a device that duplicated hand-written correspondence; the original was written with special ink, then copied by placing a blank sheet of paper on the freshly written sheet and pressing the two sheets together. Jefferson designed a portable letter press when his overseas travel called for a compact version but eventually abandoned his letter press for the polygraph, which he used exclusively for the rest of his life.

Lineage – the ancestors of someone's family

Magnificent – exceptionally impressive; displaying splendor

Malfeasance of funds – unlawful act which involves money

Mammoth – large, extinct animal of the elephant family with highly ridged molars, hairy skin, and long tusks curving upward

Mandan – Native American people, of Siouan origin, who formerly lived in villages along the Missouri River in south-central North Dakota

Mastodon – any of the various extinct mammals of the elephant family that are distinguished from the related mammoths chiefly by molar teeth with cone-shaped cusps

Mercury – a poisonous, silver-coloured metal which is liquid at ordinary temperatures and once used to preserve animal skins in taxidermy

Mold board plow – an improved plow design that greatly reduced the time needed to prepare a field for planting

Morale – confidence and dedication that unites a group

Myriad – a very large indefinite number

New world order - new period of history showing a dramatic change in political thought and the balance of power

Novus ordo seclorum –new order of the ages; beginning of the new American era

Obstruction – something that prevents clear passage or blockage

Oppressed – unreasonably burdensome; overwhelming or depressing to the spirit or senses

Patent – a governmental grant to an inventor that gives the exclusive right to make, use, or sell an invention for a specified period of time

Patented – to obtain a patent on an invention

Penance – penalty imposed for committing a wrongdoing; an act that shows regret over something you have done

Perturbed – agitated, disturbed, troubled

Physiognotrace – a drawing instrument used to trace the profile of a person's head onto a piece of paper. The center of the paper was then cut away, leaving a "hollow cut" image, and placed upon a blue or black background to provide contrast.

Pigments – a colored substance that is added to paint or ink to give its color

Portrait Artist – someone who paints or draws a likeness of a person

Posterity – all future generations

Potential – capable of being but not yet developed

Pre-empt – to take priority over something

Procure – to get something by special effort

Polygraph – a writing instrument used to make a copy of a letter or document at the time it was being written; Thomas Jefferson owned three polygraphs. The polygraph was invented by John Isaac Hawkins who received an American patent on it.

Preserve – protecting something from deteriorating or falling out of use

Prospects – the possibility of being successful; expectation

Pursuer – one who tries to achieve or gain

Read law – the method by which a person entered the legal profession before law schools were established

Resuscitates – revives; revitalizes

Redress – to correct a grievance; to make right

Relics – an object from the past and valued for its historic importance

Repealed – cancelled or withdrawn

Representative body of government – elected individuals representing the interests of the people and having legislative authority at a local level (though this authority was not coequal to or independent of the Crown and its governor)

Reserve – money kept on hand to meet financial obligations

Resigned – to give up a job or position

Restoration – to return to the original form or condition

Revolutionary – causing or supporting a complete change in government or rule

Rudimentary – basic or elementary

Saddle maker - a person who makes, sells, and repairs saddles and other leather objects for horses

Sanctuary – a place that provides protection from danger, trouble, unhappiness, etc.

Servitude – forced labor; lack of personal freedom

Scrutiny – close watch

Seditious – involved in or encouraging rebellion against a government

Sequestered – to be secluded; to withdraw into solitude

Shenanigans – humorous or dishonest acts; mischief; trickery

Siege – when enemy forces surround a town or building, cutting off essential supplies, in order to force those inside to surrender

Silhouette - A drawing of an outline of something, especially a human profile, filled in with a solid color

Skeleton – the frame of bones in humans or animals that supports softer body parts

Slavery – to be forced to work for another without pay; one who is not free

Specimens – something that represents a typical example

Solace – comfort in sorrow, misfortune, or distress

Sublime – inspiring awe

Sustenance – nourishment that supports life and growth

Taxidermist – one who prepares, stuffs, and mounts the skins of animals so that they appear lifelike

Testimonials – tributes; expressions of admiration or appreciation

Tranquility – deep calm or peace

Transversing – crossing from side to side

Tremendously – great in amount, size, or degree; extremely large

Turpentine – thin, flammable oil used as paint thinner or solvent

Universal – affecting the entire world or all within the world

Valiantly – displaying courage; strength of mind in the face of danger

Veni – to come; to bring

Vertebrae – the bones of a spinal column

Vicinage – a neighborhood; surrounding area

Virtue – moral excellence and righteousness; goodness

Vulnerable – able to be easily attacked

Wantonly – without care for what is right; unrestrained