



Leaders: Born or Made?

Here are some words and phrases that will help you understand the unit, along with their meanings and Greek translations:

- **civil rights**: The basic rights that everyone has, like freedom and equality, no matter their race, religion, gender, or skin color. (πολιτικά δικαιώματα)
- **legislative**: Related to laws or the process of making laws. (νομοθετικός)
- **segregation**: The separation of people into different groups, especially based on race. (διαχωρισμός, απομόνωση)
- **opposition**: The act of disagreeing with or fighting against something. (αντίδραση αντίθεση, αντίσταση)
- **federal**: Relating to a system of government where power is shared between a central government and individual states. (ομοσπονδιακός)
- **riots**: Violent and noisy public disturbances. (ταραχές, επεισόδια)
- **discrimination**: Treating people unfairly based on things like their race, age, gender, or disability. (διάκριση, διαχωρισμός)
- **march**: A large group of people walking together to show support for something or to protest something. (πορεία, παρέλαση)
- **minister**: A religious leader, like a pastor or priest. (ιερέας)
- **spokesperson**: Someone who speaks for a group of people. (εκπρόσωπος)
- **grassroots**: Ordinary people, especially those involved in a political movement. (ο απλός λαός)
- **to encompass**: To include or surround something completely. (περιβάλλω, περικλείω)
- **to boycott**: To refuse to buy or use something as a form of protest. (αποκλείω, μπουκοτάρω)
- **to deliver a speech**: To give a formal talk to an audience. (εκφωνώ λόγο)
- **to combat**: To fight against something. (μάχομαι, πολεμώ, αγωνίζομαι)
- **posthumously**: After someone has died. (μετά θάνατον)
- **resistance**: The act of opposing something. (αντίσταση, αντίδραση)
- **to assassinate**: To murder an important person for political reasons. (δολοφονώ)
- **to dedicate to**: To honor someone by naming something after them. (αφιερώνω σε)
- **civil war**: A war between groups of people from the same country. (εμφύλιος πόλεμος)

- **coalition:** A group of political parties that join together for a specific purpose. (συνασπισμός)
- **revolutionary:** Someone who wants to bring about a major change in society. (επαναστάτης)
- **constitution:** The set of laws and principles that a country is governed by. (σύνταγμα)
- **abuse:** Cruel or unfair treatment. (παραβίαση)
- **reconciliation:** The process of restoring friendly relations. (συμφιλίωση)
- **to overthrow:** To remove someone from power, often by force. (ανατρέπω ,ανατροπή)
- **to dismantle:** To take something apart. (διαλύω, αποδομώ αποσυναρμολογώ)
- **legacy:** Something that is passed down from one generation to the next. (κληρονομιά)
- **institutionalized:** Something that has become a formal part of a system or organization. (θεσμοθετημένος)
- **to tackle:** To deal with a problem or issue. (αντιμετωπίζω ,καταπιάνομαι)
- **to foster:** To encourage or promote the development of something. (ενθαρρύνω ,καλλιεργώ)
- **to privilege:** To give someone a special advantage. (δίνω προνόμια)
- **to commit myself to:** To promise to support a particular cause. (δεσμεύομαι)
- **amid:** In the middle of. (εν μέσω)
- **to release:** To set someone free from prison. (απελευθερώνω)
- **to negotiate:** To try to reach an agreement through discussion. (διαπραγματεύομαι)
- **to promulgate:** To make something widely known or put it into effect. (δημοσιεύω, εκδίδω)
- **clan:** A group of people related by blood or ancestry; a tribe. (φυλή)
- **to wallow:** To roll around in something, like mud or water. (κυλιέμαι, κολυμπώ)
- **despair:** A complete loss of hope. (απόγνωση, απελπισία)
- **creed:** A set of beliefs or principles. (δόγμα, πιστεύω)
- **self-evident:** Obvious and needing no proof. (ολοφάνερος, αυταπόδεικτος)
- **sweltering with:** Very hot and uncomfortable. («βράζει από» μtf)
- **oppression:** Cruel and unfair treatment. (καταπίεση)
- **content:** The substance or meaning of something. (περιεχόμενο, ουσία)
- **vicious:** Cruel and evil. (κακός, μοχθηρός, ανήθικος)
- **to drip:** To fall in drops. (στάζω)
- **interposition:** Interference or intervention. (παρέμβαση, διακοπή)
- **nullification:** The act of canceling something out. (ακύρωση, εκμηδενισμός)
- **to exalt:** To praise someone highly. (εξυμνώ, εξυψώνω)
- **crooked:** Not straight. (στριφτός, αγκυλωτός)
- **prodigious:** Amazing or impressive. (θαυμαστός, καταπληκτικός)
- **mighty:** Strong and powerful. (μέγας, ισχυρός)
- **curvaceous:** Having attractive curves. (καμπυλωτός)
- **malnutrition:** A lack of proper nutrition. (υποσιτισμός)
- **tuberculosis:** A serious infectious disease that affects the lungs. (φυματίωση)
- **pellagra:** A disease caused by a lack of certain vitamins. (πελάγρα)
- **scurvy:** A disease caused by a lack of vitamin C. (σκορβούτο)
- **to preserve:** To keep something in its original condition. (διατηρώ, συντηρώ)
- **advancement:** Improvement or progress. (πρόοδος, προαγωγή)
- **deliberately:** On purpose. (εσκεμμένα, σκόπιμα)
- **to curtail:** To reduce or limit something. (περικόπτω)
- **to seek:** To try to achieve something. (επιδιώκω)

- **to hamper:** To make something difficult. (παρακωλύω, παρεμποδίζω, ενοχλώ)
- **subsidy:** Money given by the government to help lower prices. (επιδότηση ,επιχορήγηση)
- **supplement:** Something that is added to complete something else. (συμπλήρωμα)
- **compulsory:** Required by law. (υποχρεωτικός)
- **virtually:** Almost or nearly. (ουσιαστικά, στην πραγματικότητα)
- **breakdown:** A failure or collapse. (κατάρρευση, αποτυχία)
- **alarming:** Worrying or disturbing. (ανησυχητικός)
- **illegitimacy:** The state of being illegal. (παρανομία)
- **to erupt:** To explode or burst out. (εκρήγνυμαι ,ξεσπώ)
- **township:** In South Africa, a Black neighborhood or city. (κοινότητες των μαύρων)
- **to stab:** To pierce someone with a pointed object. (μαχαιρώνω, καρφώνω)
- **to assault:** To attack someone violently. (επιτίθεμαι)
- **to impose:** To force someone to accept something. (επιβάλλω)
- **death sentence:** A punishment of being put to death. (θανατική ποινή)
- **offence:** A crime or wrongdoing. (αδίκημα ,παράπτωμα)
- **a festering sore:** A wound that is infected and producing pus. (πληγή που πυορροεί/κακοφορμίζει)
- **artificial:** Made by humans, not natural. (τεχνητός, ψεύτικος)
- **domination:** Control or power over others. (Κυριαρχία, υπεροχή, επικράτηση)
- **to dedicate myself to:** To commit myself to a particular purpose. (αφιερώνομαι σε)
- **to cherish:** To hold something dear and protect it. (αγαπώ, τρέφω (ενδόμυχα))
- **virtue:** A good quality or trait. (αρετή)
- **moral worth:** The value of someone's character based on what is right and wrong. (ηθική αξία)
- **reputation:** What people think about someone or something. (φήμη, υπόληψη)
- **authority:** The power to control or influence others. (εξουσία, δικαιοδοσία)
- **an appeal:** The power to attract or interest people. (έλξη, συγκίνηση)
- **maxim:** A general truth or rule of conduct. (απόφθεγμα, αξίωμα)
- **indisputable fact:** Something that cannot be argued or questioned. (αδιαμφισβήτητο γεγονός)
- **to induce:** To cause something to happen. (προκαλώ ,επιφέρω)
- **simile:** A figure of speech that compares two things using "like" or "as." (παρομοίωση)
- **an abstract notion:** An idea that is not concrete or physical. (αφηρημένη έννοια)
- **persuasive:** Able to convince others. (πειστικός)
- **eloquent:** Fluent and persuasive in speaking or writing. (εύγλωττος)
- **intellectual:** Relating to the ability to think and understand things. (διανοητικός, πνευματικός)
- **well-substantiated:** Supported by evidence. (καλά εμπεριστατωμένος)
- **betterment:** Improvement. (βελτίωση)
- **strive:** To try hard to achieve something. (πασχίζω)
- **branch:** A local office or division of a larger organization. (τμήμα, παράρτημα, υποκατάστημα)
- **mentorship:** Guidance and advice from an experienced person. (καθοδήγηση)
- **soup kitchen:** A place where free food is served to needy people. (συσσίτιο)
- **shortage:** A lack of something. (έλλειψη)
- **literally:** In the exact meaning of the word. (κυριολεκτικά)
- **to be on the up and up:** To be honest and sincere, or to become more successful. (είμαι ειλικρινής / επιτυχημένος)
- **heritage:** Something that is passed down from previous generations. (κληρονομιά)

- **to brush up:** To review and improve your knowledge of something. («φρεσκάρω» τις γνώσεις μου)
- **to bridge:** To connect or reduce the gap between two things. (γεφυρώνω)
- **gap:** A space or difference between two things. (χάσμα, κενό)
- **daunting:** Intimidating or discouraging. (αποθαρρυντικό)
- **dedication:** Commitment and devotion to something. (αφοσίωση)
- **nurture:** To care for and encourage the growth of something. (καλλιεργώ, θρέφω)
- **vital:** Necessary or essential. (σημαντικό)
- **globally:** Worldwide. (παγκοσμίως)
- **to stand up for:** To defend or support something. (υπερασπίζομαι, διεκδικώ δικαιώματα)
- **considerate:** Thoughtful and respectful of others. (προσεκτικός, συνετός, που ενδιαφέρεται και υπολογίζει τους άλλους)
- **attribute:** A quality or characteristic. (χαρακτηριστικό γνώρισμα)
- **attitude:** A way of thinking or feeling about something. (διάθεση)
- **implement:** To put a plan or system into effect. (εφαρμόζω)
- **gateway:** An entrance or means of access. (είσοδος)
- **inclusive:** Open to everyone; not excluding anyone. (που δεν αποκλείει κανέναν)

Summary

- Civil rights are fundamental rights like freedom and equality, regardless of race or gender.
- Important terms include 'legislative' relating to laws, 'segregation' meaning separation, and 'opposition' indicating disagreement.
- Understanding these terms helps in discussing leadership and social issues.



Vocabulary

Review key vocabulary words from the reading.

segregation

noun

The separation of people into different groups, especially based on race.

During the era of Jim Crow laws, racial segregation was enforced in many public places in the southern United States.

federal

adjective

Relating to a system of government where power is shared between a central government and individual states.

The federal government is responsible for national defense and interstate commerce.

grassroots

noun

Ordinary people, especially those involved in a political movement.

The environmental protection bill gained support from grassroots organizations across the country.

coalition

noun

A group of political parties that join together for a specific purpose.

Several political parties formed a coalition to gain a majority in the parliament.

constitution

noun

The set of laws and principles that a country is governed by.

The United States Constitution outlines the fundamental rights and responsibilities of citizens.

institutionalized

adjective

Something that has become a formal part of a system or organization.

Racism became institutionalized in many aspects of society, leading to systemic inequality.

nullification

noun

The act of canceling something out.

The nullification of the contract was due to a breach of its terms.