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| Word | Definition | Definition in Your Own Words | Sentence, Picture or Example |
| **Renaissance** | Period after Middle Ages – “rebirth” of art, literature, and learning |  |  |
| **Indulgence** | A release from the punishment for a sin |  |  |
| **Salvation** | The state of being saved from harm, risk, sin or punishment |  |  |
| **Heliocentric** | Sun is the center of the universe |  |  |
| **Humanism** | Philosophy that emphasizes reason, scientific inquiry, and human fulfillment (importance) and often rejects the importance of religion |  |  |
| **Diet** | A type of legislative assembly |  |  |
| **Dowry** | Gifts of money or property that a bride’s family gives her husband when married |  |  |
| **Geocentric** | Earth is the center of the universe |  |  |
| **Patron** | A person who supports or endorses with money or gifts |  |  |
| **Predestination** | Idea that God has already decided which souls are destined to be saved and which souls will be damned |  |  |
| **Secular** | Worldly; not thought of as religious |  |  |
| **Elliptical** | Egg shaped; oval |  |  |
| **Vernacular** | Everyday speech of people in a specific region |  |  |
| **Theocracy** | Government ruled by religious leaders or religious doctrine |  |  |
| **Theses** | (Plural of thesis) position or idea to be proved |  |  |
| **Sect** | a group with distinctive religious, political or philosophical beliefs. |  |  |
| **Doctrine** | A principle or position of government or the church |  |  |
| **Decree** | Formal order, with the force of law |  |  |
| **Scientific method** | Procedure for collecting and analyzing data |  |  |
| **Reform** | Change for the better |  |  |
| **Tion** | Act of |  |  |
| **Cracy** | Government |  |  |
| **Re** | Again |  |  |
| **Hum** | Man |  |  |
| **Pre** | Before |  |  |
| **Helio** | Sun |  |  |
| **Sci** | Know |  |  |
| **Ist** | One who |  |  |