

TASK #2: Vocabulary Builder

Standard: P.5 (SWBAT Identify the significance of vocabulary words in the context of American History.)

Description: You will be practicing the skill necessary for completing thorough descriptions and analysis of vocabulary words this year. There are two key components to building a thorough set of vocabulary:

Criteria:

- ☑ Details/Facts (standard definition)
- ☑ Significance (why is it important to American History at that time)

Your vocabulary should be roughly 3-5 bullet points in order for it to cover the necessary details and significance and it would be beneficial for you to use note cards in order for you to create a set of flash cards that you can use later to review for quizzes, tests, and the AP exam. You will be given five words which need to be completed by the end of class and will be graded based on the following rubric. Also, there will be many times in your life when you come across a word (event/person/law, etc) and you will need to think critically about the significance and importance of that word so you can develop a deeper understand about the world around you.

Example:

(front)	(Back)
ATOMIC BOMB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nuclear weapon developed during WWII• Einstein, Fermi developed the science necessary for creation• Manhattan Project – secret building of the bomb (J. Oppenheimer director)• Truman decided to use bomb to save American and Japanese lives, end the war• Dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki• First time nuclear weapons had ever been used, ethical implication, controversial, the U.S. was the first and only country to have weapons of that caliber causing an eventual arms race (sig)

Rubric:

Criteria	-- (0-1pt)	✓ (2-3pts)	+ (4-5pts)
Details (Definition)	Minimal amount of detail	Adequate amount of detail	Generous amount of detail
Significance	Little to no significance, errors	Sufficient evaluation of significance (minor errors)	Thorough evaluation of significance