

agriculture society	a society based on an agricultural economy and way of life
alienation	the rejection felt in a setting where one's views are considered unacceptable
anull	to declare null and void
apartheid	the racial, political and economic segregation of non-European peoples
Aryan	a term used by the Nazis to mean white Western European; blond, blue-eyed and tall

assimilation

the social process of absorbing one cultural group into another

atheism

the belief that God does not exist

audacious

unrestrained by convention or by moral regard for the rights of others

autocratic

a form of government in which the political power is held by a single person

autonomy

the right or power to govern oneself

bourgeoisie

a term given to the middle class people in society

centralism

the tendency to concentrate power in a central body

civil conflict

conflict between two groups of people who are citizens of the same state

Cold War

the period after World War II (1945-1989) that was marked by political tension and an arms race between the Soviet Union and the United States

colonialism

a government policy of imperial conquest (see imperialism) or the founding of colonies to gain new territories for occupation so as to exploit the resources and people of that territory

colony	the territory controlled by an imperial power
community	a group of people with a strong shared interest about which they communicate regularly; communities vary in size
country	a sovereign state in the world system of states, having an internationally recognised border
coup d'état	the sudden overthrow of a government through unconstitutional means by military
devolve	grant powers from the central government of a state to government at the national, regional or local level