

Vocabulary Unit #3

am·i·ty

noun

1. friendship; peaceful harmony.
2. mutual understanding and a peaceful relationship, especially between nations; peace; accord.

chiv·al·ry

noun, plural chiv·al·ries for 6.

1. the sum of the ideal qualifications of a knight, including courtesy, generosity, valor, and dexterity in arms.
2. the rules and customs of medieval knighthood.

de·vout

adjective, de·vout·er, de·vout·est.

1. devoted to divine worship or service; pious; religious: *a devout Catholic.*
2. expressing devotion or piety: *devout prayer.*
3. earnest or sincere; hearty: *He had a devout allegiance to the political regime.*

he·red·i·ty

noun, plural he·red·i·ties. Biology .

1. the transmission of genetic characters from parents to offspring: it is dependent upon the segregation and recombination of genes during meiosis and fertilization and results in the genesis of a new individual similar to others of its kind but exhibiting certain variations resulting from the particular mix of genes and their interactions with the environment.

2.
the genetic characters so transmitted.

me·di·e·val

adjective

1.
of, pertaining to, characteristic of, or in the style of the Middle Ages: *medieval architecture*. Compare Middle Ages.
2.
Informal . extremely old-fashioned; primitive.

pro·w·ess

noun

1.
exceptional valor, bravery, or ability, especially in combat or battle.
2.
exceptional or superior ability, skill, or strength: *his prowess as a public speaker*.
3.
a valiant or daring deed.

po·tion

noun

a drink or draft, especially one having or reputed to have medicinal, poisonous, or magical powers: *a love potion; a sleeping potion*.

quest

noun

1.
a search or pursuit made in order to find or obtain something: *a quest for uranium mines; a quest for knowledge*.
2.
Medieval Romance . an adventurous expedition undertaken by a knight or knights to secure or achieve something: *the quest of the Holy Grail*.
3.
those engaged in such an expedition.

sov·er·eign

noun

1.
a monarch; a king, queen, or other supreme ruler.
2.
a person who has sovereign power or authority.
3.
a group or body of persons or a state having sovereign authority.

ven·er·a·ble

adjective

1.
commanding respect because of great age or impressive dignity; worthy of veneration or reverence, as because of high office or noble character: *a venerable member of Congress*.