

Name _____

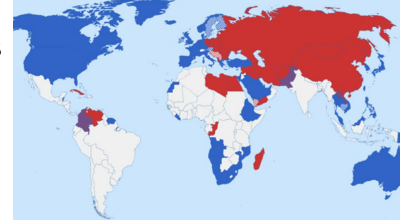
Date _____

Modern Latin America - Vocab Cards

Cold War]>

the period of political, ideological and economic rivalry that occurred after World War II between the former USSR and its communist allies and the United States and its democratic allies.

After World War II, the Soviet Union, China and their allies were involved in a political and ideological power struggle with the U.S. and its allies known as the _Cold War_.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Make a connection between this word and another word or idea:

Contra]>

a member of the Nicaraguan guerrilla force that opposed the Sandinistas from 1979-1990.

In the 1980s, the Nicaraguan counterrevolutionary group known as the _Contras_ was very active.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Make a connection between this word and another word or idea:

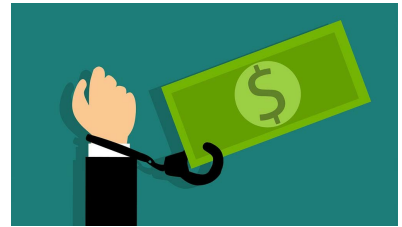
corrupt]>

dishonest and without morals, willing to do illegal things for money or power.

The police chief who always talked about integrity turned out to be _corrupt_. He'd accepted many payments to ignore wealthy criminals.

Synonyms: immoral, dishonest, shady

Antonyms: noble, honorable



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

coup]>

a sudden, usually violent, attempt to take over the government.

The military staged a violent _coup_ to overthrow the ruling party.

Synonyms: overthrow, plot, revolution



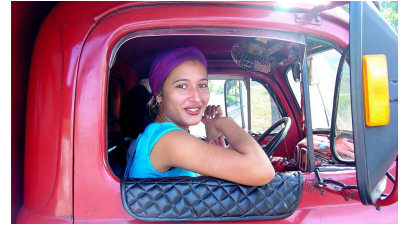
Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

Creole]>

someone born in the Americas or US Gulf region who is of European descent.

Some people of European descent born in Central and South America, the West Indies and regions of the United States were known as _Creole_.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Make a connection between this word and another word or idea:

dictator]>

a person who rules cruelly and with absolute power, usually gaining this control by force.

His first acts as _dictator_ were aimed at consolidating his power. He put anyone who opposed him in prison.

Synonyms: tyrant, fascist, despot

Antonyms: follower, worker



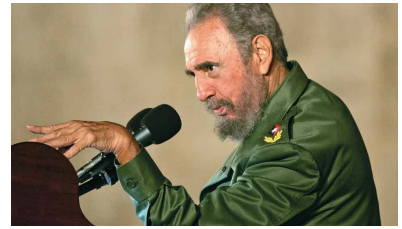
Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Make a connection between this word and another word or idea:

Fidel Castro]>

Cuban revolutionary and politician who governed Cuba as first prime minister and then president from 1959-2008.

Cuban revolutionary _Fidel Castro_ helped bring communism to Cuba in the 1950s before serving as its president until 2008.



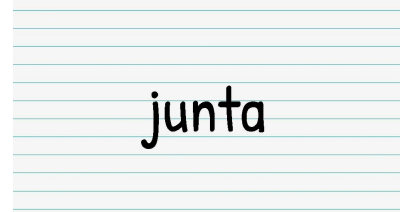
Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Make a connection between this word and another word or idea:

junta]>

a small group, usually of military leaders, that runs a country after a revolution or overthrow of the government.

The military _junta_ seized control of the country, sparking many years of violence. Many people fled in fear of what the new government might do.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

revolution]>

an attempt by many people to overthrow an established government or system.

The goal of the _revolution_ was to remove the corrupt government. That's why people had planned the rebellion.

Synonyms: revolt, coup, rebellion

Antonyms: calmness, order, harmony, stagnation



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

Soviet]>

referring to the former Soviet Union, which included Russia and several other Eastern European countries.

Belarus is a former _Soviet_ country which used to belong to the USSR.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Make a connection between this word and another word or idea: