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The Roman Empire - Vocab Cards

assassinate]>

to kill an important person, usually for political reasons.

John Hinckley Jr. tried to _assassinate_ President Reagan in 1981.
Reagan was wounded but survived.

Synonyms: kill, murder



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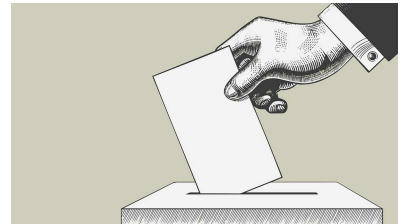
Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

democracy]>

a form of government in which power is held by the people, who vote to elect their representatives.

Elections where people choose who will represent them in government is a key characteristic of many _democracies_.

Synonyms: representative government



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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



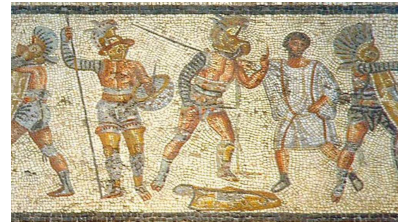
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gladiator]>

in ancient Rome, an enslaved person or captive who fought to the death in a public arena in front of spectators.

In Rome, a _gladiator_ could face a slave or a lion in a fight to the death.



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Pax Romana]>

a period of peace and prosperity in the Roman Empire that lasted from approximately 27 BCE to 180 CE.

During the _Pax Romana_, important historical sites like the Pantheon and the Colosseum were built.



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propaganda]>

false or biased information that is used to make the general public feel a certain way about a political issue or situation.

The political party used _propaganda_ to try to gain support for the war and convince people to support their plans.



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republic]>

a country governed by elected representatives instead of a monarch.

The United States is a _republic_ headed by a president.



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Senate]>

the primary democratic body of the ancient Roman republic and empire.

The American Senate is modeled off the ancient Roman _Senate_. Senators don't have to wear togas, and we elect women, but the Senate is still an important part of our government.



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vestige]>

a trace of something that was destroyed or lost.

One _vestige_ of human evolution are our third molars, which were once used to chew tough foods like leaves and roots.

Synonyms: relic, remnant



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