

## Word Cards

Word cards from previous lessons used in this lesson:

- Mesoamerica – World Card #28 from Lesson 4

### 34 epidemic



the spread of an infectious disease through many people in one area during a specific time period

**Example:** An epidemic of smallpox killed many Native Americans when Europeans began to colonize the Americas.

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### 35 corruption



dishonest action by those in power

**Example:** The official was accused of corruption after stealing tax money meant for schools.

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### 36 border

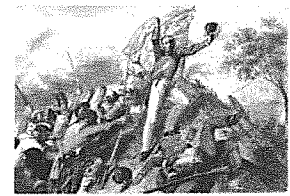


the defined geographic boundary of a state, nation, empire, etc.

**Example:** The borders of the Roman Empire stretched across Europe, into Asia, and down into North Africa.

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### 37 rebellion



violent or open resistance (fighting against) an existing government

**Example:** The slave Spartacus led a rebellion against the Roman Empire.

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### 38 tax

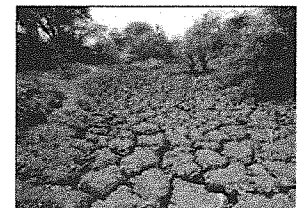


when a government requires people and/or organizations to make contributions of money or goods to fund the government

**Example:** The farmers had to give the empire some of their grain as a tax.

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### 39 drought



an extended period of dry weather

**Example:** During the drought, there was no rain for months and many of the farmer's crops died.

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