

Vocabulary Training: Unit 6 - The United States of America

Part 1: US History and Society

Define the following terms in the context of US politics:

1. **Emancipation:** The freeing of slaves after the Civil War.
2. **Segregation:** The systemic separation of people based on race (Jim Crow era).
3. **Social Mobility:** The ability of individuals to move up in social class.
4. **Foreign Policy:** A government's strategy in dealing with other nations.

Part 2: Figurative Language & Poetry

Amanda Gorman's speech style involves:

- * **Rhyme & Assonance:** "roll over boulders", "jumble and stumble".
- * **Homophones:** writer / right; actions / reaction.
- * **Rhythm:** repetitive patterns for emphasis.

Part 3: Social Activism - Gun Control

- * **Current State:** Most citizens can own guns, but laws vary significantly between states (e.g., 'concealed carry' vs 'open carry').
- * **Prohibitions:** People with criminal records or serious mental health issues are usually barred.
- * **Sentiment:** A rising majority supports stricter gun laws in the US.

Writing Task: Blog Comment

Read a post about "Gun Control in the USA" and write a comment (120-150 words) expressing your opinion.
Use figurative language techniques discussed in class.