noun

vic·tim | \ ˈvik-təm 🔊 \

Definition of *victim*

1 **:** one that is acted on and usually adversely affected by a force or agent the schools are victims of the social system : such as
a(1) **:** one that is injured, destroyed, or sacrificed under any of various conditions a victim of cancer a victim of the auto crash a murder victim
(2) **:** one that is subjected to oppression, hardship, or mistreatment a frequent victim of political attacks
b **:** one that is tricked or duped a con man's victim
2 **:** a living being sacrificed to a deity or in the performance of a religious rite

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First Known Use of *victim*

15th century, in the meaning defined at sense 2