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	<i>Shula Gossard, CA teacher</i>	
Glossary		<p><i>history vs. hxrstory - pg. 8</i></p> <p>The revision of the word history makes our students less knowledgeable and educated.</p> <p>“The “his” in history has nothing, linguistically, to do with the pronoun referring to a male person. And some critics pointed that out back in the 1970s, saying that the invention of herstory showed ignorance about where the word comes from.” (Katie Steinmetz, <i>This Is Where the Word 'History' Comes From</i>, Time Magazine, 2017)</p> <p>The word history’s root, traced in the latin and then into the greek, is ἱστορία (historia) which means “inquiry, knowledge”. In fact, the word histora, historiae is actually a feminine 1st declension noun.</p> <p>It is poor teaching to make a word bereft of it’s deeper meaning because we see a combination of three letters that make a masculine english pronoun. Meaning isn’t gained, it is lost.</p> <p>Should histamine, histiocytosis, and histocompatibility, derived from the word ἵστός (histos) meaning “web, tissue”, also be changed to be more inclusive?</p> <p>Similarly, words such as heritage, latin root “her” from haerere (to cling), excludes other gender identities when the greater meaning is lost if again three letters of the english pronoun trumps the true root word meaning. Other words that could be offensive could be heretic because of the trope of the female witch/healer. Other problematic words might be herdsman, hermitage, herpes, heredity, etc.</p>

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Glossary		<p>A number of glossary terms could be considered to adopt the gender neutral endings a/o/x in order to avoid exclusion.</p> <p>Asian (fem. asia); Islander (fem. isla), Indian (fem. india), Native American (fem. america),</p>
Glossary		<p>Pow wow- pg. 13 This term should be one word, powwow.</p> <p>“Powwow is one word, not two. If you are writing or printing it as pow wow, it is incorrect. Check the dictionary, specifically Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary. You will find that the word is divided into two syllables with a dot between the syllables - not a space or a dash - signifying two syllables and an undivided word. The English spelling is derived from the word pauwau, from the Massachuset or powwaw from the Narrangansett, neither of which have a space between the syllables. If you look up the word in the dictionary, while there check the combination of words a few entries above powwow, and you will find follow up, with a space between the two words. Note the difference.”</p> <p>Agent, Dan. “Powwow or Pow Wow: Writing Tips from the Editor's Desk.” Cherokee Phoenix, 2004, www.cherokeephoenix.org/Article/index/509.</p> <p>“Powwow.” Merriam-Webster, Merriam-Webster, www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/powwow.</p>