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Themed Vocabulary

slavery: *noun*; the condition of being controlled, often violently, by someone else and forced to work for no pay

PART I: Words in the Article

Slavery is the main topic of "A Child Slave in California." The words below, which appear in the article in bold, are important to know when reading, writing, and speaking about slavery.

captor *noun*; a person who has taken control of another person

domestic servitude *noun*; the condition of being forced to work as a household slave

enslave *verb*; to make a slave of

exploit *verb*; to use selfishly or unfairly for one's own advantage

free will *noun*; independent choice; control over yourself and your life

human trafficking *noun*; the buying, selling, or trading of human beings

involuntary servitude *noun*; another term for slavery; This term was used in the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which outlawed slavery

protective custody *noun*; a term used by law-enforcement officials to describe when a person is taken to a safe place to protect him or her from harm

DIRECTIONS: Think about the vocabulary words on the previous page. Then answer these questions.

1. Describe how victims of human trafficking might be treated. _____

2. What is the difference between domestic servitude and involuntary servitude? _____

3. Why might free will be important? _____

PART II: Other Words Related to Slavery

DIRECTIONS: What other words that relate to slavery can you think of? Add them to the box.

WORD BANK

abolition *noun*; the termination (ending) of a practice, especially of slavery

bondage *noun*; slavery; captivity

emancipate *verb*; to set free, especially from slavery

Directions: Write three sentences. In each, use one of the vocabulary words in Part I or Part II.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____