Paired Texts Vocabulary
“The Rise of Fandoms”

1. **advocacy (AD-vuh-kuh-see) noun;** The verb *advocate* (AD-vuh-kayt) means “to support, recommend, or argue for something or someone.” The student council might advocate for a new dress code by meeting with the principal.

   Advocacy is the act of advocating; it is active, public support of a cause or an idea. Someone participating in advocacy for homeless pets might organize a fundraiser for a local animal shelter.

2. **canon (KAN-uhn) noun;** Canon can refer to the entire collection of books, artwork, music, or films of a particular author, artist, filmmaker, etc. The Jason Reynolds canon includes all of the books and poems that Reynolds has published. The Star Wars canon includes all of the Star Wars movies, TV shows, books, and graphic novels.

3. **cater (KAY-ter) verb;** *Cater* can mean “to provide food and drinks for an event,” as in “Suzy’s Scoops will cater our class’s end-of-year ice cream party.”

   *Cater* can also mean “to do something to suit a particular person’s wants or needs.” (When used in this way, *cater* is followed by *to.*) Your family might cater to you on your birthday, letting you choose where to eat dinner and what music to listen to in the car.

4. **discord (DIS-kawrd) noun;** Discord is a lack of agreement or harmony. When you’re talking about music, discord is an unpleasant combination of notes. When you’re talking about people, discord is disagreement or conflict.

5. **disgruntled (dis-GRUHN-tld) adjective;** If you are disgruntled, you are grumpy and annoyed because you are not satisfied with something. You might feel disgruntled if the pizza you ordered took forever to arrive, was cold, and didn’t have the toppings you ordered.

6. **haggard (HAG-erd) adjective;** Someone who is haggard looks completely exhausted and unwell—like they were lost in the woods for a few days or stranded on a desert island—because they are very tired, sick, or worried.

7. **savvy (SAV-ee) adjective;** Someone who is savvy is knowledgeable and experienced and has a good understanding of how to do something. Your parents might ask you to help them learn how to use a new app if you are savvy with technology.
“Is Fandom Good for You?”

1. **divisive** (dih-VAHYS-iv) *adjective*; Something that is divisive creates a lot of disagreement between people, causing them to separate into different groups. (You can almost see the word *divide* in *divisive*; a divisive issue divides people.) If two of your friends get into an argument every time they discuss which is better, Marvel or DC Comics, you could say that comics are a divisive topic for them.

2. **moderation** (mod-uh-REY-shuhn) *noun*; If you do something in moderation, you do it in a reasonable way without being too extreme—without doing too much or too little. For example, if you eat cookies in moderation, you eat a few cookies now and then. Eating an entire bag of cookies in one night would *not* be an example of moderation.

3. **primal** (PRAHY-muhl) *adjective*; Something that is primal is very basic, important, and powerful. Our primal needs, urges, or instincts are the most basic ones, like the need to eat and the urge to protect ourselves and our family.

**Directions:** Below or on the back of this page, list any other words from the articles whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence.
Paired Texts Vocabulary Practice

Directions: Rewrite each sentence using a form of one of the words in the box. There is one word you will not use.

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1. Tia has listened to every album Taylor Swift has made.

2. The group is well-known for its passionate support of the environment.

3. Tim looked pale and exhausted after having a stomach bug for three days.

4. Several grouchy, dissatisfied audience members asked for their money back.

5. Dale’s grandpa is a very talented when it comes to business. His grocery store has been open for 35 years.

Directions: Choose the best answer to each question below.

6. Which person watches TV in moderation?
   A Kristin, who watches shows on her phone for several hours each night
   B Jen, who watches less than 2 hours of TV per week

7. Which pair of siblings might experience discord when ordering pizza?
   A Tim and Todd: Tim loves anchovies, and Todd hates them.
   B Kris and Kat: Both are obsessed with pepperoni and pineapple pizza.

8. Ken stops by to make an appointment with his school counselor, Mrs. Ruppert. Mrs. Ruppert tells Ken that she can cater to his schedule. What does she mean?
   A Her schedule is completely booked; she won’t be able to see Ken today.
   B She will work around Ken’s schedule; whatever time Ken is able to come in, she’ll see him.

9. A character in a novel is known for making divisive comments. What sort of comments does the character make?
   A comments that make people angry with one another
   B comments that inspire people to work together

10. Which type of cat behavior is primal?
    A hunting for prey
    B wearing a collar