Vocabulary: The Night of Terror

1. **ally (uh-LAHY)** verb or (AL-ahy) noun; The verb ally means “to join yourself with another person or group in order to get or give support.” In a game of *Fortnite*, you might ally with other players and work together as a group.

As a noun, ally refers to a person, group, or nation that cooperates with or gives help to another person, group, or nation in a particular activity. Two countries that are allies agree to support each other, especially during a time of war. Several different organizations might be allies in a fight for a certain cause that they all care about. In short, an ally is someone who is on your side—the opposite of an enemy.

2. **amendment (uh-MEND-muhnt)** noun; An amendment is a change or an addition made to the original version of something, usually some sort of document or statement. Your class might make an amendment to the class rules, for example. Often, amendment is used when people talk about changes to the U.S. Constitution. So far, 27 amendments have been made to the Constitution. In other words, 27 things have been changed or added to the Constitution since it was signed in 1787.

3. **picket (PIK-it)** verb; To picket is to stand or march in front of a public place to protest something. Picketers—people who are picketing—often hold signs and chant as a way to bring public attention to an issue they care about.

For example, a group of people fighting for animal rights might picket in front of a store that sells fur coats. This might discourage members of the public from shopping at the store or at least provide them with information that they did not have. A group of workers might picket in front of the place where they work to persuade others to join them and put pressure on the company to increase workers’ pay.

4. **suffragist (SUHF-ruh-jist)** noun; Suffrage (SUHF-rij) means “the right to vote in political elections.” A suffragist is a person who works to extend suffrage—that is, voting rights—to people who do not have them. The word suffragist is especially used to describe a person who worked to help women get the vote.

5. **treason (TREE-zuhn)** noun; Treason is the crime of betraying one’s country. Someone who helps their country’s enemies during war might be convicted of treason.
“How Racism Divided the Suffrage Movement”

1. alienate (EY-lee-uh-neyt) *verb;* *Alienate* means “to cause someone to stop liking you—to stop being friendly or helpful to you” or “to cause someone to feel like they don’t belong.” If you have a bad temper, you might alienate your friends. If Elizabeth’s friends stop talking to her and stop including her in their activities, her friends are alienating her.

2. prominent (PROM-uh-nuhnt) *adjective;* Someone or something that is prominent is important and very well-known. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement.

Directions: Below, list any other words from the play or informational text 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.
Vocabulary Practice

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

alienate  ally  amendment  picket  suffragist  treason

1. Supporters of women’s right to vote are still working hard around the globe.

2. “Listen!” said Owen. “You and I are on the same side in this fight. We want the same things!”

3. In 1971, the United States made a change to the Constitution that lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.

4. A group of people plan to protest a new law outside the governor’s office this Saturday.

**Directions:** Choose the best answer to each question.

5. Who is a prominent figure you admire or respect? Why?

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6. What is something you believe would be worth picketing about?

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7. What is something you could do to make sure a new student doesn’t feel alienated at school?

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**Directions:** Choose the word that is most similar in meaning to each word in bold.

8. *amendment*
   - change  damage

9. *prominent*
   - hidden  famous

10. *treason*
    - disloyalty  honesty

11. *ally*
    - partner  opponent

12. *alienate*
    - turn away  unite