Vocabulary:
“Courage in a Time of Terror”

1. **defy** (dih-FAHY) *verb*; Defy means “to refuse to obey” or “to openly and boldly resist someone or something.”

2. **dehumanize** (dee-HYOO-muh-nahyz) *verb*; To dehumanize someone is to treat them as if they are not a human being—to take away their dignity by treating them as though they do not deserve even the slightest kindness, sympathy, or respect.

3. **deplete** (dih-PLEET) *verb*; To deplete something is to use it up until it is gone or almost gone. Buying a new jacket might deplete the money you had saved up. If you run a long race, your energy will likely be depleted by the end.

4. **feverishly** (FEE-vuhr-ish-lee) *adverb*; The adjective feverish can mean “having or showing the symptoms of a fever” or “involving intense emotion or activity.” You might feel feverish if you’re sick. The crowd at a concert might be full of feverish excitement.

   If you do something feverishly, you do it quickly and intensely, with great excitement or energy. You might work feverishly to finish an assignment before the bell rings.

5. **gaunt** (gawnt) *adjective*; Someone who is gaunt is very thin and bony as a result of hunger, illness, or old age.

6. **genocide** (JEN-uh-sahyd) *noun*; Genocide is an internationally recognized crime: any act committed with the intent to destroy a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group. The word genocide did not exist until 1944, when a Polish-Jewish lawyer created a name for the crimes committed by the Nazis during the Holocaust. He combined genos-, from the Greek word for “race,” with -cide, from the Latin word for “killing.”

7. **harbor** (HAHR-ber) *noun or verb*; A harbor is a protected area of water on the coast, usually enclosed by land or walls. Harbors provide a safe place for ships to anchor near the shore in calm waters, shielded from winds, waves, and currents.

   As a verb, harbor means “to give a home or shelter to.” During a hurricane, a community center might harbor people who live in the hurricane’s path.
8. **prying** (PRAHY-eeng) *adjective*; The verb *pry* means “to use force to open something or to separate something from something else,” as in, “Elizabeth used a screwdriver to pry the lid off the paint can.” *Pry* can also mean “to be nosy about something.” If you try to hear your sister’s phone conversation through the door without her knowing, you are prying.

The adjective *prying* means “rudely nosy,” as in “I ignored David’s prying questions” or “My younger brother peeked through the window with prying eyes.”

9. **rampantly** (RAM-puhnt-lee) *adverb*; The adjective *rampant* means “existing or spreading in a way that is hard to control,” as in “be sure to wear shoes—poison ivy is rampant in my backyard” or “wildfires have been rampant in the U.S. recently.”

*Rampantly* means “happening quickly and in a way that is hard to control.” A rumor that Billie Eilish will be performing at the eighth-grade dance might spread rampantly through your school. Weeds might grow rampantly in a garden.

**Directions:** In the space below or on the back of this page, list any other words from the article 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 primary meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence using the word.
Vocabulary Practice
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Directions: Choose the word that is most similar in meaning to each word in bold.

1. deplete
   A empty
   B fill

2. prying
   A respectful
   B nosy

3. rampantly
   A wildly
   B gently

4. gaunt
   A happy
   B thin

5. defy
   A challenge
   B respect

6. harbor
   A protect
   B endanger

Directions: In each pair of boldfaced words, underline the word that best completes the sentence.

7. Kara later apologized for her prying/gaunt questions about why I was grounded, saying that it was none of her business if I didn't want to tell her.

8. It was so hot today that my soccer team's water supply was depleted/harbored by halftime. Luckily, our team manager was able to quickly refill the cooler.

9. In *The Hunger Games* series, Katniss defies/harbors the evil Capitol by refusing to play by its rules.

10. In the creepy science-fiction novel, doctors have been replaced with robots, which was very dehumanizing/defying for patients. The robots did not treat the sick with warmth or care.