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Paired Texts Vocabulary

1. **culmination (kuhl-muh-NEY-shuhn)** *noun*; The verb *culminate* (KUHL-muh-neyt) means "to end or complete." *Culmination* refers to the end point, or final and most important stage of something. The culmination of a Fourth of July celebration is often a dazzling fireworks show.
2. **refugee (REF-yoo-jee)** *noun*; A refugee is a person who is seeking refuge (REF-yooj), meaning shelter or safety. Refugees flee their homes and countries that have become dangerous places to live, usually because of war or natural disasters.
3. **humanitarian (hyoo-man-ih-TAIR-ee-uhn)** *noun or adjective*; Humanitarians are people devoted to improving the lives of others. They work to end human suffering by donating money or offering a service to help solve problems like poverty, disease, and hunger. *Humanitarian* can also be used as an adjective, to mean "related to humanitarians," as in "humanitarian aid" or "humanitarian efforts." When people refer to a "humanitarian crisis," they mean something slightly different; a humanitarian crisis is an event or a situation that threatens the health or safety of a large group of people.
4. **discrimination (dih-skrim-uh-NEY-shuhn)** *noun*; The verb *discriminate* (dih-SKRIM-uh-neyt) means "to notice and understand how one thing is different from another thing." You might, for example, be able to discriminate between the scent of a rose and the scent of a daisy. *Discriminate* can also mean "to unfairly treat one person or group of people differently from other people or groups." Similarly, the noun *discrimination* can refer to the ability to recognize the difference between things, or it can refer to the unfair treatment of one group of people. People can face discrimination because of their race, their religion, or their gender.
5. **magnitude (MAG-nih-tood)** *noun*; Something's magnitude is its size, extent, or importance. A star with a low magnitude is not a very bright star. An earthquake with a high magnitude is powerful and damaging. If a moment is of great magnitude, it is an important moment.
6. **deter (dih-TUHR)** *verb*; To deter is to discourage or prevent something from happening. A security camera in a store might deter someone from stealing.
7. **smuggler (SMUHG-ler)** *noun*; A smuggler is a person who secretly and illegally moves people or things from one place to another, and in particular, from one country to another.

8. refugee camp (REF-yoo-jee kamp) *noun*; A refugee camp is a place where refugees live in tents or other temporary forms of shelter. These camps can house hundreds of thousands of people, and the living conditions in them are often harsh.

Directions: In the space below, list any other words from either text with a definition you are unsure 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: Underline the boldfaced word in each pair that best completes the sentence.

1. I need to find a way to **deter/culminate** deer from eating my garden; maybe I should put up a fence to keep them out.
2. The **culmination/discrimination** of the mountain climber's career was reaching the summit of Earth's highest mountain, Mount Everest.
3. The **magnitude/discrimination** of the decision Carol would have to face in the morning kept her wide awake with worry all night.
4. The **smuggler/refugee** was arrested at the airport for trying to sneak illegal drugs into the United States.
5. Amy's school is collecting items such as blankets, canned food, and clothing for **refugees/smugglers**.
6. Anti-**discrimination/culmination** laws protect people from being treated unfairly based on the color of their skin.

Directions: Complete each unfinished sentence in a way that makes the meaning of the boldfaced word clear.

7. Mr. Gates will be honored with an award for his **humanitarian** work. He _____

8. The family arrived at the **refugee camp** late in the evening. They _____

9. Lisa tried to **deter** Samantha from dyeing her hair blue, but Samantha _____
