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Core Word Field Note

Task: A core word field note promotes synthesis and connection between multiple words. It can be used to consider multiple words in a text as well as multiple terms within a given concept or unit. It's a GREAT review activity!

Instructions

1. Select four words that feel powerful or significant.
2. Write each word in one quadrant of your field note.
3. Briefly explore each word. (See additional instructions below!)
4. Then, in the center of your field note, find a word that pulls all four words together. (This could be a word from the text/ your unit, but it doesn't have to be.)
5. Briefly synthesize your discoveries about the other four words and discuss how this word encapsulates them all.

Some general reminders about exploring words

A language field note should fill a page in your notebook. A language field note:

Must...	**Might...**
❏ Write down a definition **in your own words using multiple meanings of the word** ❏ Include the part of speech ❏ Include sentences *from professionals* that use your word. ❏ Include some kind of image. ❏ Synthesize your new understanding of the word in a "My thoughts" or "My analysis" or "My synthesis" section. This would be where you make sense of all you've learned throughout your exploration.	☐ Pronunciation (what the word sounds like) ☐ Parts of other words (roots, prefixes,suffixes) you see in this word. ☐ How frequently this word is used (Is is rarely used? Is it a frequently-used, every day word?) ☐ Synonyms and antonyms ☐ How is your word different than a synonym or fuzzynym? (For example: "Smart" and "intelligent" -- how are

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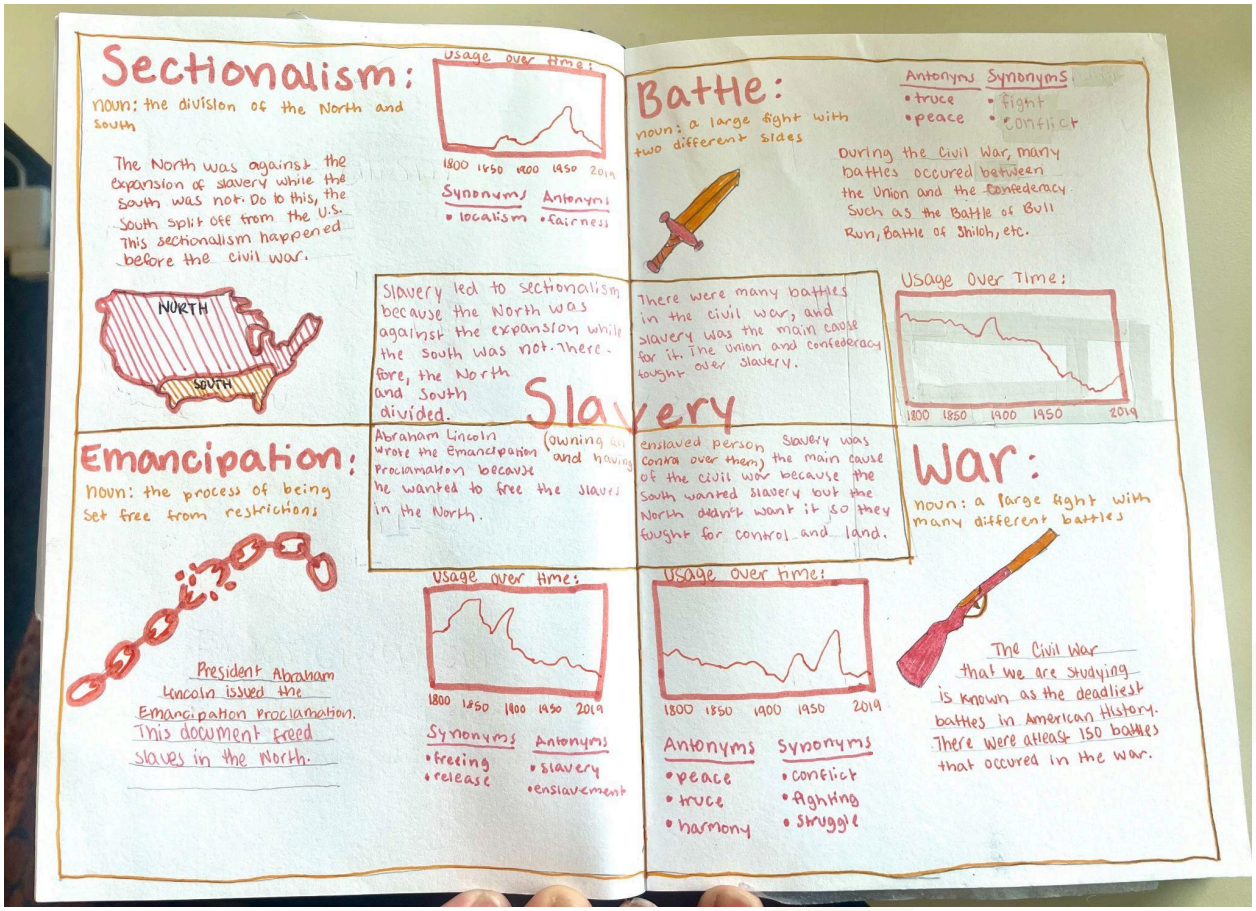
	these words DIFFERENT?) ☐ Emotional connotation (is it a happy word? Sad word? Emotionally-neutral word?) ☐ Related words / other forms of the word ☐ Words that frequently go with this word in a sentence ☐ Situations in which you might use this word ☐ Professional sentences that use this word ☐ Places you encounter this word (or some form of it) -- in what you read, watch, listen to, in other classes, etc. ☐ Translation of this word in another language you speak (Spanish) -- how does that enlarge your understanding of the word? ☐ Search Google News -- In what ways does the news use this word? What patterns do you see? (In other words, "The news often uses this word in articles about _____"). ☐ Skim the articles. What additional knowledge do you gain? ☐ Connections between your word and other words in your field guide ☐ Connections between your word and other words/concepts from other classes ☐ Connection to YOUR life -- when has this word been applicable in your life? When do you see an example of this word in your life?

Resources to Help You:

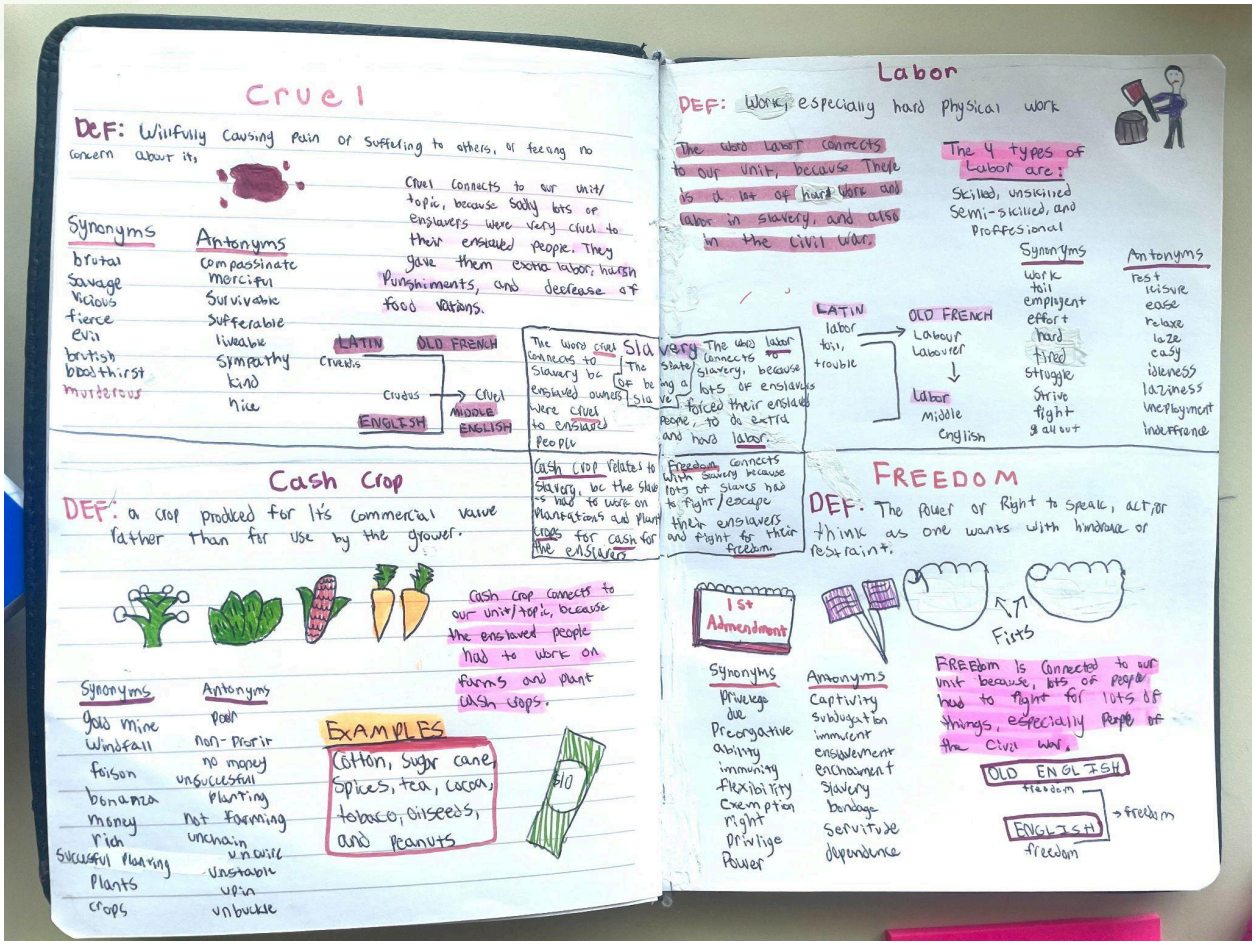
- **Grown ups!** Ask them what they know about the word. Ask them to use the word in a sentence. Ask them situations they associate this word with.
- **Vocabulary.com** -- give the word with multiple definitions and professional pieces of writing that use the word. This will show you how frequently this word is used.

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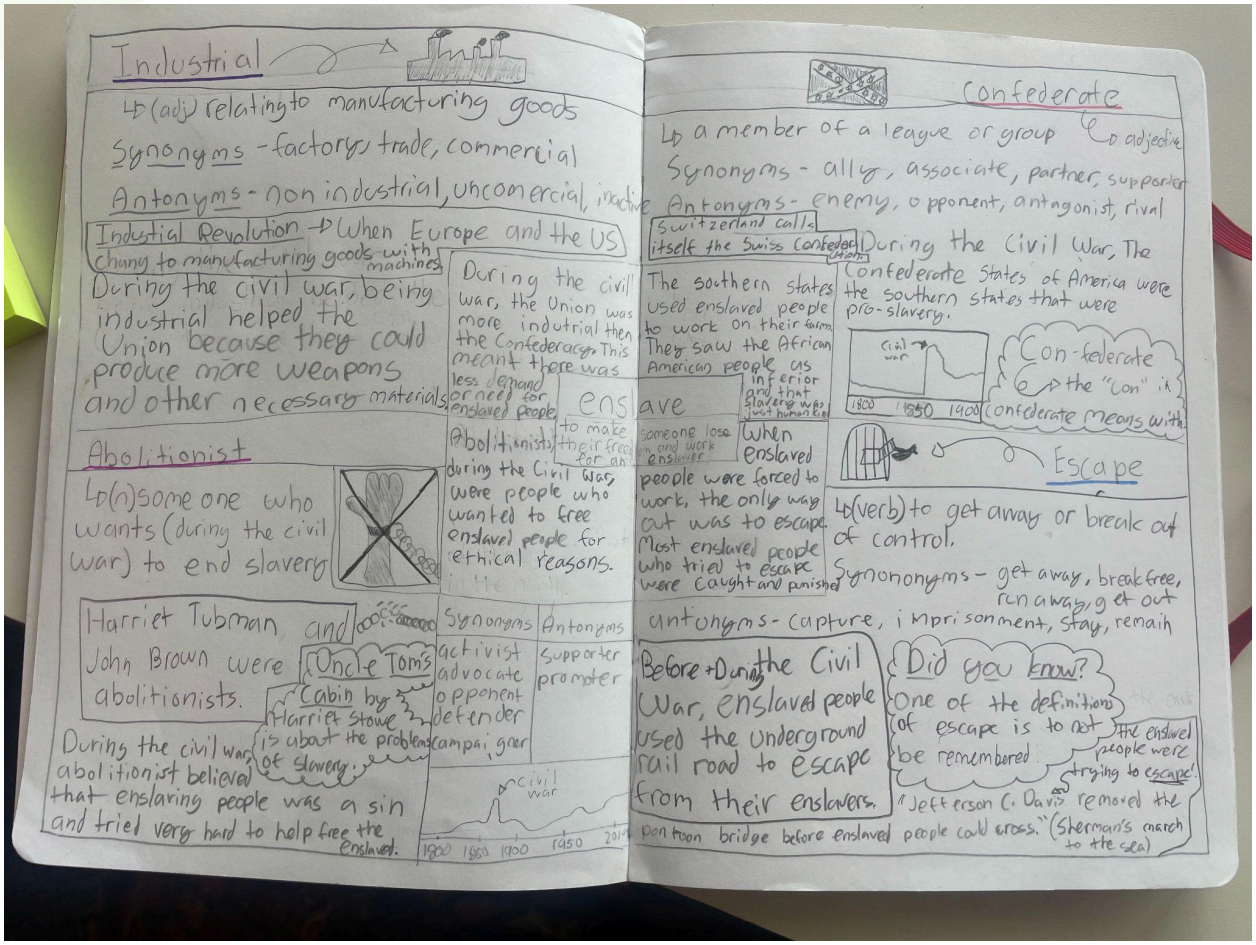
- **M-w.com** - Definition, examples, frequency
- **Niftyword.com** -- associated words, related words, roots/prefixes/suffixes
- **Lexipedia.com** -- different versions and forms of your word, synonyms, antonyms, "fuzzynyms" (words that mean *kind of* the same thing)
- **Etymonline.com** - my favorite site for understanding where a word comes from and how the meaning has developed over time.
- **WebstersDictionary1828.com** -- This is an online edition of the Webster's Dictionary from the year 1828! Use this to see how the word USED to be used (if it was even a word in 1828!) to compare it to how it is used today!
- **https://books.google.com/ngrams/ –** See the use of a word over time.



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