Vocabulary Builder Activity

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A. Content Vocabulary

Directions Select a vocabulary term from the box to fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

favorite son	plurality	nominating convention
majority	mudslinging	relocate
bureaucracy	veto	spoils system

1. A political party chooses its candidate for president at a
_____ .

2. In 1824 Jackson won a _____ of the votes.

3. President Jackson _____ the Maysville Road bill.

4. A _____ is a presidential candidate favored by his home state.

5. In the election of 1828, both candidates used _____ in an attempt to win the election.

6. By the 1830s, a _____ of nonelected workers was developing in the government.

7. President Jackson believed that Native Americans should _____ to the Indian Territory.

8. A _____ is more than half.

9. Jackson used the _____ to give government jobs to his supporters.

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B. Academic Vocabulary

Directions In English, many words can be changed to a different part of speech by changing endings or suffixes. Nouns are words that name a person, place or thing. Change these nouns to adjectives—words that describe a noun—by adding one of the word endings in Box 1.

Verbs are words that show action. Use the endings in Box 2 to change these verbs to nouns. You may have to change the root word ending to spell the new word correctly. Use a dictionary if you need help.

Box 1—ENDINGS
-al   -ic   -ive   -il   -ar   -ist

Box 2—ENDINGS
-al   -tion   -ile   -ary   -ife

1. Change the noun *institution* to an adjective using an ending from Box 1.

2. Find an ending in Box 1 that will change the adjective *federal* to a noun.

3. Change the noun *symbol* to an adjective using an ending from Box 1.

4. Change the verb *facilitate* to a noun using an ending from Box 2.

5. Change the verb *participate* to a noun using an ending from Box 2.

6. Change the verb *survive* to a noun using an ending from Box 2.

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> **Directions** Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the vocabulary word.

7. Candidates depend on voter _____ in an election.

8. William Henry Harrison's use of the log cabin as a _____ for his election campaign _____ his image as a humble common man.

9. Congress is one of the many _____ of the _____ government.

10. Many Native Americans did not _____ their relocation to Oklahoma.

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C. Combined Vocabulary Reinforcement

Directions Match the words in column A with their definitions in column B.

Column A

____	**1.** survive
____	**2.** federal
____	**3.** institution
____	**4.** facilitate
____	**5.** symbol
____	**6.** favorite son
____	**7.** relocate
____	**8.** bureaucracy
____	**9.** spoils system
____	**10.** plurality
____	**11.** mudslinging
____	**12.** veto
____	**13.** participate
____	**14.** nominating convention
____	**15.** majority

Column B

a. to move to a different place

b. insulting political opponents

c. more than half

d. a presidential party candidate favored by his home state

e. live through

f. something that stands for something else

g. the power to say no to a bill becoming a law

h. giving jobs to people as favors for their political support

i. help make happen

j. a system of unelected government workers

k. national

l. take part in

m. not more than half but the largest number of votes received by any candidate

n. a meeting where political parties decide on candidates to run in an election

o. a large organization