NATIONALISM AND REVOLUTION AROUND THE WORLD

Vocabulary Builder

Word Parts

The three basic word parts are root words, prefixes, and suffixes. A root word is the main part of the word that can stand alone and keep its meaning. A prefix is a word part that is added to the beginning of a root. A suffix is a word part that is added to the end of a root. Both prefixes and suffixes can change the meaning of a word or form a new word. A suffix can also determine what part of speech a word is.

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Example: The word *intellectual* has two word parts:

intellect root word (noun meaning "ability to think")

-ual suffix (meaning "relating to")

(adjective, meaning "relating to the intellect or understanding")

Directions: Using a dictionary, identify the word parts in the words below. Separate the word parts on the lines provided. Note: Not all words contain all three word parts.

- **1. assets:** prefix _____ + root ____ + suffix _____
- **2. intervening:** prefix______ + root______ + suffix______
- **3.** reassert: prefix ______ + root _____ + suffix _____
- **4.** advocated: prefix _____ + root _____ + suffix _____
- **5. discriminated:** prefix _____ + root _____ + suffix _____
- **6. factional:** prefix _____ + root ____ + suffix _____
- 7. manipulation: prefix + root + suffix + suffix