Introductory Unit

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Practice

Examples of various kinds of domain-specific academic vocabulary appear in the charts below. Some chart rows are not filled in. Look up the definitions of the remaining words, provide one or two related words, and use each word in context on a separate piece of paper.

Social Studies: Domain-Specific Academic Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Related Words	Word in Context
federalism (FED er uh liz uhm) <i>n</i> .	support for a strong federal (or national) government	federal federalist	Alexander Hamilton believed strongly in federalism.
founder (FOUN der) <i>n</i> .	a person who founds or establishes something	founded	The Pilgrims were the founders of the Plymouth colony.
framer (FRAYM er) <i>n.</i>	a person who helps design or build a document, policy, or movement	frame framing	Benjamin Franklin was a framer of the U.S. Constitution.
hierarchy (HY uh rahr kee) <i>n</i> .	an organized system in which people or things are ranked one above another	hierarchical	The people at the top of a hierarchy have more power than those below them.
recession (ri SESH uhn) <i>n</i> .	in economics, a period of economic downturn	recede	Many people lost money and jobs in the recession of 2008.
commerce (KOM ers) n.			
congressional (kuhn GRESH uh nl) <i>adj</i> .			
constitutional (kon sti TOO shuh nl) <i>adj.</i>			
exchange (eks CHAYNJ) <i>v., n.</i>			
nationalism (NASH uh nI iz uhm) <i>n</i> .			