

The Gilded Age Vocab List (Standard)

Corruption → Dishonest exploitation of power for personal gain

Diaspora → A scattering of a group of people, a language, or culture from one central location

Dissent → To disagree with a majority held opinion

Famine → A severe shortage of something

Graft → The use of dishonest or illegal means to gain money or property by someone in power or in an elected office

Nativism → Belief that native born white Americans were superior to immigrants

Persecution → The subjecting of a race or group of people to cruel or unfair punishment because of ethnic or religious beliefs

Precedent → A decision which sets the example for future decisions

Quota → A proportional share of something that somebody should contribute or receive

Xenophobia → A fear or dislike of foreign people, their culture, and customs