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Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

- alliance** an agreement between two or more countries, groups, or people to work together in doing something
- anti-Semitism** hostility toward or prejudice against Jews
- depose** to force someone to leave a position of authority
- expel** force out
- ghetto** separate section of a city where members of a minority group are forced to live
- massacre** a brutal, bloody killing of many people or animals
- nation-state** a country with set boundaries usually ruled by a monarch (a king or queen)
- nationalism** strong support for the survival, success, and self-rule of one's country and culture
- persecution** unfair and cruel treatment of a person or group
- plague** a very serious disease that spreads quickly among the people in an area
- protest** to object to; to speak out against

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Renaissance a French word meaning rebirth that refers to a period of many cultural achievements in Europe

scapegoat a person blamed for the mistakes of others

superstition a belief based on ignorance or fear

suspicious distrustful

symptom a sign of something

throne the symbol of royal power or authority

tolerance respect for the opinions or practices of others

tragedy a sad or dreadful event