

THEME: BELIEFS

VOCABULARY

WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. ASTROLOGY** – divination based on planetary positions.
Synonym – astromancy, horoscopes
Antonym- N.A
- 2. BAPTISM** – rite of admission in Christianity
Synonym – christening, predestination
Antonym- funeral, exequy
- 3. CANONISE** – declare a dead person to be a saint
Synonym – beatify; sanctify
Antonym- belittle; depreciate
- 4. CELIBACY** – voluntary vow of sexual abstinence
Synonym – chastity; abnegation
Antonym- marriage, nuptials
- 5. CHIROMANCY** – not accepting a particular faith
Synonym – palm-reading, palmistry
Antonym- N.A
- 6. CULT** – an unusual type of religious group
Synonym – fad, vogue
Antonym- agnosticism, disbelief
- 7. HEATHEN** – one who does not follow a religion
Synonym – pagan, infidel
Antonym- Christian, believer
- 8. INCANTATION** – a charm or spell
Synonym – invocation, chant
Antonym- evocation, exorcism
- 9. PORTENT** – a sign of an unpleasant future event
Synonym – omen; sign
Antonym- auspiciousness, talisman
- 10. SIMONY** – buying or selling spiritual things
Synonym – barratry
Antonym- N.A

EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1

FIND THE SYNONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. ASTROLOGY | a) reading | b) horoscope | c) praying | d) mystic |
| 2. SIMONY | a) falsehood | b) chanting | c) barratry | d) genius |
| 3. CHIROMANCY | a) geography | b) botany | c) palmistry | d) mania |
| 4. CELIBACY | a) abnegation | b) palmistry | c) honour | d) smart |
| 5. CULT | a) monger | b) chemical | c) vogue | d) excel |

EXERCISE 2

FIND THE ANTONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. BAPTISM | a) fortune | b) funeral | c) future | d) chanting |
| 2. CANONISE | a) depreciate | b) entail | c) entitled | d) modern |
| 3. HEATHEN | a) minion | b) demons | c) believer | d) cult |
| 4. INCANTATION | a) chanting | b) prayer | c) exorcism | d) carol |
| 5. PORTENT | a) auspiciousness | b) news | c) omen | d) cattle |

EXERCISE 3

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE APROPRIATE WORDS FROM THE VOCABULARY LIST

1. During the christening, the priest said that _____ is not a magical _____ that will make the child brave.
2. While _____ is the holiest state and is a requirement for priests, only the pope can _____ saints.
3. Many joined the evil _____ that rejected religion, many saw this break with tradition as _____ of a bad reign.
4. The psychic told Vanessa, "If you like _____ and tarot cards, you might be interested in _____."
5. The missionary tried to teach the _____ about Christianity, he also preached against _____ and corruption.