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Extended Definition Tool

An **extended definition** does more than define a concept or issue. It also describes, explains, clarifies significance, and tells the reader why the concept or issue is important to social studies.

Step 1: State a short definition for the concept/issue **in your own words**:

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Step 2: Select four ways, from the chart below, to develop an extended definition of a concept or issue. Record your choices in the column title row of the chart in Step 3. Place the letter of your choice in the box.

	Ways to Extend a Definition for a Concept or Issue	Description
A___	**Expert Definition**	How people who study the concept define it in their own writing
B___	**Connotation**	An idea or feeling that this concept invokes
C___	**Illustrative Example(s)**	Brief descriptions of something(s) that exemplifies this concept
D___	**List examples**	Provide several examples of the concept
E___	**Clarify parts or categories**	If the concept is made up of discrete parts or steps, briefly discuss them
F___	**Historical Understanding**	Explain how a historian might use this concept
G___	**Significance or value**	Describe why this concept is important
H___	**History of the term**	Explain where the concept came from and how its meaning may have changed over time
I ___	**Relationship to other concepts**	Connect, compare, or explain the relationship of the concept to another concept

Step 3: Identify evidence that will help you to craft a useful extended definition. Record the evidence.

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Step 4: Synthesize what you learned by developing your extended definition. Write the extended definition of the concept/ issue in a short paragraph.

NOTE: You do not need to sequence your definition based on the chart's order of the ways to extend a definition. Draft your extended definition so it will be clearly understood. Possible sentence starters for the different ways to extend a definition are provided at the bottom of this page.

Possible Sentence Starters for the different ways to develop an extended definition:

Expert Definition	According to _____, _____can be defined as "_____."
Connotation	When people discuss _____ they often are using it to mean _____
Illustrative Example(s)	A prime example of _____ is _____ because _____.
List examples	Some important historical examples of _____ are _____, _____, and _____.
Clarify parts or categories	This set: _____, _____, and _____ is important to understanding _____ because _____.
Historical Understanding	Historians studying _____ often ask questions such as _____ to help them _____.
Significance or value	_____ is significant to _____ because _____.
History of the term	_____ were the first _____ to use the term _____
Relationship to other concepts	In order to really understand _____ we also have to discuss _____ because _____ is related to the concept of _____. .