

ISSUES OF THE GILDED AGE

**Vocabulary Builder**

**Make Connections**

Many of the events discussed in your text occurred long before you were born. As you learn new vocabulary, you may find it helpful to connect words and meanings to current events in your community, the nation, and the world. Making connections in this way will help you remember and understand unfamiliar and difficult terms. The example below provides a sentence connecting the word *exploit* to modern circumstances.

<p><b>Example</b></p> <p><b>Word</b> exploit</p> <p><b>Definition</b> <i>v.</i> to treat someone unfairly in order to obtain money or gain an advantage</p> <p><b>Connection to current events</b> Many people want to raise the minimum wage to prevent workers from being <u>exploited</u>.</p>
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**Directions:** Record the definition in your textbook for each word listed below. Then write a sentence for each word that connects it to current events. If you need help making a connection between a word and current events, skim a newspaper or a news magazine for ideas.

1. status \_\_\_\_\_  
Connection to current events \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. integrity \_\_\_\_\_  
Connection to current events \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. manipulate \_\_\_\_\_  
Connection to current events \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. network \_\_\_\_\_  
Connection to current events \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. feasible \_\_\_\_\_  
Connection to current events \_\_\_\_\_  
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