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#	Word	Definition / Example
1	biographical	adj. of or relating to or being biography "Biographical immersion in a subject's private correspondence reveals the gap between public mythology and lived reality."
2	churchillian	having qualities like those of Winston Churchill, especially determination and courage "Churchillian resolution in the face of existential threat remains the benchmark against which wartime leadership is measured."
3	napoleonic	relating to or characteristic of Napoleon Bonaparte or his time. "Napoleonic genius lay not merely in battlefield innovation but in the administrative reconstruction of an entire civilization."
4	aristocratic	adj. belonging to or characteristic of the nobility "Aristocratic networks of obligation and patronage shaped British foreign policy in ways no formal constitutional document acknowledges."
5	providential	adj. of; by; or as if decreed by divine providence "The providential survival of Britain in 1940 invites reflection on how narrowly the entire trajectory of modernity might have differed."
6	archival	adj. relating to or containing historical records or documents. "Archival discovery of previously classified memoranda transformed his understanding of the decisions made in those critical weeks."
7	wellingtonian	a type of understated expression that makes something significant seem trivial "Wellingtonian understatement — reporting victory as though describing a minor administrative matter — was itself a form of theatre."
8	imperialist	n. and adj. a believer in the policy of extending the rule or authority of one nation over others by territorial acquisition or through economic or political dominance. "Imperialist administrators of genuine ability believed sincerely in projects whose consequences they were constitutionally unable to foresee."
9	geopolitical	adj. relating to politics (especially international relations); as influenced by geographical factors "Geopolitical rivalries of the nineteenth century cast shadows whose outline is still visible in contemporary international arrangements."
10	hagiographic	a type of biography that overly praises its subject "Hagiographic biography flatters its subject and deceives its reader — honest admiration requires unflinching acknowledgment of failure."
11	revisionist	a person who reinterprets historical events based on new evidence "Revisionist history earns its name only when new evidence genuinely compels a reconsideration of settled interpretive consensus."
12	anglocentric	a viewpoint that focuses mainly on English or British perspectives "Anglocentric historiography has progressively given way to genuinely multinational perspectives on events once narrated from a single vantage."
13	commemorative	n. an object such as a coin or postage stamp made to mark an event or honor a person; adj. intended to honor the memory of "Commemorative culture shapes how nations remember conflict — and therefore how readily they contemplate

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14	stratagem	<p>n. any clever trick or device for obtaining an advantage</p> <p>“Military stratagem at its finest operates on multiple levels simultaneously, deceiving the enemy about both means and intention.”</p>
15	longitudinal	<p>adj. of or relating to length or longitude</p> <p>“A longitudinal study of Anglo-American relations reveals patterns of mutual dependence that transcend any individual administration.”</p>