

RED RISING // VOCABULARY SET #1

POWER, SOCIETY + IDENTITY

TERM	CLASSROOM DEFINITION
DYSTOPIA	A society presented as deeply flawed or oppressive, often beneath claims of order or progress.
HIERARCHY	A system that ranks people or groups above and below one another.
CASTE SYSTEM	A rigid social structure that assigns status and opportunity according to group membership.
OPPRESSION	The systematic use of power to restrict, exploit, or control a group.
PROPAGANDA	Messages designed to shape beliefs or behavior, often by controlling what information people receive.
REBELLION	Organized resistance against authority or an established system.
IDENTITY	The traits, roles, beliefs, and experiences that shape who a person understands themselves to be.
SOCIAL MOBILITY	The ability to move between levels of social or economic status.

APPLICATION // BEFORE + DURING READING

1. Explain how a hierarchy can exist even when people are told everyone has an important role.
2. What makes a caste system more restrictive than a simple difference in jobs?
3. Why might propaganda be especially powerful when citizens have limited access to outside information?
4. Give one possible relationship between oppression and rebellion.
5. How can a person's assigned social role influence identity?
6. Why might social mobility threaten a rigid hierarchy?
7. Choose two terms that you predict will connect strongly in the novel. Explain why.
8. After reading, return to #7 and revise your prediction using one specific event.

