

## CQ Lexicon Entry

A Lexicon is a specialized or personalized vocabulary that an individual makes part of their everyday usage in relation to the topic or ideas that they are investigating.

Lexicons can have a permanent role in a person's life, or they can fill a temporary need. Teenagers, for example, have their own lexicon as they encounter the changes in their lives from childhood to adulthood. It is a vocabulary that teens understand as a common bond to describe their common experiences. Once the teen has become a mature adult, that lexicon is used less and less.

A person interested in music, for example, might begin acquiring a lexicon from a very early age and build that specialized vocabulary for the rest of their life, because music is a permanent part of their life. Some people are just fascinated by words and build lists of their own favorite words over the course of a lifetime and make an effort to use those words as part of their everyday vocabulary.

Your CQ project has given you the opportunity to begin experiencing words that apply to your area of interest in very unique ways. You have the opportunity to begin building a lexicon.

1. In an entry on the left side page in your CQ Journal record data by listing as many words and concepts as you can that you have learned in special relation to your CQ project. With each word provide a brief definition or example.
  - Make sure each entry is legible.
  - Make sure to leave room between each entry to add additional meanings or examples.
  - Clearly label the entry CQ Lexicon
2. In an entry on the right side page in your CQ Journal transform the data by writing a reflective summary of your findings and experiences in your Quest thus far. You are to use all the lexicon from your left hand page and incorporate it into your reflection.
  - Your reflection should include the most important or most interesting things you have learned or experienced.
  - Your reflection should include the story of your quest so far. Where did you begin? What problems have you encountered. What have you had to do to adjust?
  - Your reflection should include at least two (2) new subsidiary questions and a brief bullet list of what you plan to do for the next two weeks.