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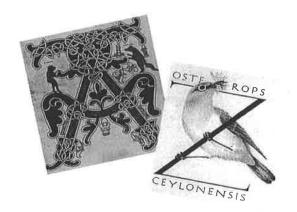
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lib er al ism (lib ar a liz am, lib ra) n. 1. The state or quality of being liberal. 2a. A political theory founded on the natural goodness of humans and the autonomy of the individual and favoring civil and political liberties, government by law with the consent of the governed, and protection from arbitrary authority. b. often Liberalism The tenets or policies of a Liberal party. 3. An economic theory in favor of laissezfaire, the free market, and the gold standard. 4. Liberalism a. A 19th-century Protestant movement that favored free intellectual inquiry, stressed the ethical and humanitarian content of Christianity, and deemphasized dogmatic theology. b. A 19th-century Roman Catholic movement that favored political democracy and ecclesiastical reform but was theologically orthodox. —lib/er•al•ist n. —lib/er•al•is/tic (-lis/-

libereal •i•ty (lib'a-răl'i-tē) n., pl. -ties 1. The quality or state of being liberal or generous. 2. An instance of being liberal.

lib•er•al•ize (lib/ər-ə-līz/, lib/rə-) v. -ized, -iz•ing, -iz•es —tr. To make liberal or more liberal: "Our standards of private conduct have been greatly liberalized . . . over recent years" (Meg Greenfield), —intr. To become liberal or more liberal. —lib'er•al•i•za'tion (-lī-zā'shən) n. –lib∕er•al•iz′er n.

libereate (lib/a-rat/) tr.v. -ateed, -ateing, -ates 1. To set free, as from oppression, confinement, or foreign control. 2. Chemistry To release (a gas, for example) from combination. 3. Slang To obtain by illegal or stealthy action: tried to sell appliances that were liberated during the riot.
[Latin liberare, liberare, from liber, free. See leudh- in Appendix I.] -lib'er•at'ing•ly adv. —lib'er•a'tor n.

libereaetion (lib'a-ra'shan) n. 1. The act of liberating or the state of being liberated. 2. The act or process of trying to achieve equal rights and status. -lib'er-a'tion-ist n.

liberation theology n. A school of theology, especially prevalent in the Roman Catholic Church in Latin America, that finds in the Gospel a call to free people from political, social, and material oppression. —liberation theologian n.

Li•be•rec (le'ba-rets') A city of north-central Czech Republic northnortheast of Prague. Founded c. 1350, it has been a textile center since the 16th century. Population: 101,048.

Li•be•ri•a (lī-bîr/ē-ə) A country of western Africa on the Atlantic Ocean. It was founded (1821) through the efforts of the American Colonization Society and settled mainly by freed slaves from 1822 to the 1860s. Liberia is the oldest independent country in Africa (established 1847). A military coup in 1980 initiated a period of despotic government and civil unrest leading to full-scale civil war in 1990. A cease-fire agreement was reached in 1996, and elections were held in 1997. Monrovia is the capital and the largest city. Population: 2,700,000. -Li·be/ri·an adi. & n.

liberetareiean (lĭb'ər-târ'ē-ən) n. 1. One who advocates maximizing individual rights and minimizing the role of the state. 2. One who believes in free will. [From LIBERTY.] —lib'er•tar'i•an adj. —lib'er• tar/i•an•ism n.

libertineage (lib/ər-tē/nij) n. Libertinism.

liberetine (lib/ər-tēn') n. 1. One who acts without moral restraint; a dissolute person. 2. One who defies established religious precepts; a freethinker. * adj. Morally unrestrained; dissolute. [Middle English, freedman, from Latin libertinus, from libertus, from liber, free. See leudh- in Appendix I.]

libeeretineism (lib'ər-tē-niz'əm) n. 1. The state or quality of being libertine. 2. The behavior characteristic of a libertine; promiscuity.

liberety (lib'ar-te) n., pl. -ties 1a. The condition of being free from restriction or control. b. The right and power to act, believe, or express oneself in a manner of one's own choosing. c. The condition of being physically and legally free from confinement, servitude, or forced labor. See synonyms at freedom. 2. Freedom from unjust or undue governmental control. 3. A right or immunity to engage in certain actions without control or interference: the liberties protected by the Bill of Rights. 4a. out control or interference: the liberties protected by the Bill of Rights, 4a. A breach or overstepping of propriety or social convention. Often used in the plural. b. A statement, attitude, or action not warranted by conditions or actualities: a historical novel that takes liberties with chronology. C. An unwarranted risk; a chance: took foolish liberties on the ski slopes. 5. A period, usually short, during which a sailor is authorized to go ashore. — idiom: at liberty 1. Not in confinement or under contrained. straint; free. 2. Not employed, occupied, or in use. [Middle English liberte, from Old French, from Latin libertās, from liber, free. See leudh-

liberty cap n. A brimless, limp, conical cap fitting snugly around the head and given to a slave in ancient Rome upon manumission. It was used as a symbol of liberty by the French revolutionaries and was also worn in the United States before 1800. Also called Phrygian cap.

Lib-er-ty Island (lib/ər-tē) Formerly Bed-loe's Island (běd'lōz). An island of southeast New York in Upper New York Bay southwest of Manhattan. The Statue of Liberty was placed on the island in 1885, using the star-shaped Fort Wood (built in 1841) as a base. Congress officially renamed the island in 1956.

li-bid-i-nous (li-bid/n-əs) adj. Having or exhibiting lustful desires; lascivious. [Middle English, from Old French libidineux, from Latin libidineux] dinōsus, from libīdō, libīdin-, lust, desire. See LIBIDO.] —li•bid/i•nous• ly adv. —li•bid/i•nous•ness n.

li-bi-do (li-bē/dō, -bi/-) n., pl. -dos 1. The psychic and emotional energy associated with instinctual biological drives. 2a. Sexual desire, b. Manifestation of the sexual drive II atin librate desire. See loubby in Ap-

Rome equivalent to about 12 ounces. [Middle English, from Latin lībra.] Li•bra (lē'brə, lī'-) n. 1. A constellation in the Southern Hemisphere near Scorpius and Virgo. Also called Balance, Scales. 2a. The seventh sign of the zodiac in astrology. Also called Balance, Scales. b. One who is born under this sign. [Middle English, from Latin Lībra, from lībra, balance, the constellation Libra.]

Li•bran (lē/brən, lī/-) n. One who is born under the sign of Libra. li•brar•i•an (lî-brâr/ē-ən) n. 1. A person who is a specialist in library work. 2. A person who is responsible for a collection of specialized or technical information or materials, such as musical scores or computer documentation. —li•brar/i•an•ship' n.

li•brar•y (lī'brĕr'ē) n., pl. -ies 1a. A place in which literary and artistic materials, such as books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, prints, records, and tapes, are kept for reading, reference, or lending. b. A collection of such materials, especially when systematically arranged. c. A room in a private home for such a collection. d. An institution or foundation maintaining such a collection. 2. A commercial establishment that lends books for a fee. 3. A series or set of books issued by a publisher. 4. A collection of recorded data or tapes arranged for ease of use. 5. A set of things similar to a library in appearance, function, or organization: a library of computer programs. 6. Genetics A collection of cloned DNA sequences whose location and identity can be established by mapping the genome of a particular organism. [Middle English librarie, from Anglo-Norman, from Latin librārium, bookcase, from neuter of librārius, of books, from liber, libr-, book.]

library science n. The principles, practice, or study of library administration.

li•bra•tion (lī-brā/shən) n. A very slow oscillation, real or apparent, of a satellite as viewed from the larger celestial body around which it revolves. [Latin lībrātio, lībrātiōn-, oscillation, from lībrātus, past participle of lībrāre, to balance, from lībra, balance.] —li•bra/tion•al adj. —li/bra•to'ry (-brə-tôr'ē, -tōr'ē) adj.

li•bret•tist (lĭ-brĕt'ĭst) n. The author of a libretto.

li•bret•to (lǐ-brĕt'ō) n., pl. -bret•tos or -bret•ti (-brĕt'ē) 1. The text of a dramatic musical work, such as an opera. 2. A book containing such a text. [Italian, diminutive of libro, book, from Latin liber, libr-.]

Li•bre•ville (lē'brə-vĭl', -vēl') The capital and largest city of Gabon, in the northwest part of the country on the Gulf of Guinea. Founded as a French trading post in 1843, it was named Libreville after freed slaves settled there (1848). Population: 235,700.

Lib•ri•um (lĭb/rē-əm) A trademark used for the drug chlordiazepoxide hydrochloride.

Lib • v•a (lib 'e-ə) A country of northern Africa on the Mediterranean Sea. Controlled at various times by Carthage, Rome, Arabia, and Spain, the area was part of the Ottoman Empire from 1551 to 1911. It was subsequently seized by Italy and became an Italian colony during World War II, achieving independence as a kingdom in 1951. In 1969 Col. Muammar al-Qaddafi took power in a coup d'état, establishing a socialist dictatorship. Tripoli is the capital and the largest city. Population: 4,899,000. Libovoan (lib/e-on) adj. Of or relating to Libya or its people, language, or culture. . n. 1. A native or inhabitant of Libya. 2. A Berber language

of ancient northern Africa. Libyan Desert A desert of northeast Africa in Egypt, Libya, and Sudan. It is the northeast section of the Sahara Desert.

lice (līs) n. Plural of louse (sense 1).

li•cence (lī'səns) n. & v. Chiefly British Variant of license.

li•cense (li'səns) n. 1a. Official or legal permission to do or own a specified thing. See synonyms at **permission**. b. A document, plate, or tag that is issued as proof of official or legal permission: a driver's license. 2. Deviation from normal rules, practices, or methods in order to achieve a certain end or effect. 3. Latitude of action, especially in behavior or speech. See synonyms at freedom. 4a. Lack of due restraint; excessive freedom: "When liberty becomes license, dictatorship is near" (Will Durant). b. Heedlessness for the precepts of proper behavior; licentiousness. * tr.v. -censed, -censeing, -censees 1. To give or yield permission to or for. 2. To grant a license to or for; authorize. See synonyms at authorize. [Middle English licence, from Old French, from Medieval Latin licentia, authorization, from Latin, freedom, from licens, licent-, present participle of licere, to be permitted.] —li'cens•a•ble adj. —li'censeer, li'cenesor! (-sən-sôr!) n.

li-censed practical nurse (li/sanst) n. Abbr. LPN A nurse who has completed a practical nursing program and is licensed by a state to provide routine patient care under the direction of a registered nurse or a physician.

licensed vocational nurse n. Abbr. LVN A licensed practical nurse in California or Texas.

li•cens•ee (lī'sən-sē') n. One to whom or to which a license is grant-

license plate *n*. A rectangular, usually metal plate that bears a sequence of numbers, letters, or both and is issued by a government to identify an officially registered vehicle.

li-cen-sure (lī/sən-shər, -shoor') n. The act or an instance of grant-

ing a license, usually to practice a profession.

li•cen•ti•ate (lī-sēn'shē-ĭt) n. 1. One who is granted a license by an authorized body to practice a specified profession. 2a. A degree from certain European and Canadian universities ranking just below that of a doctor. b. One holding such a degree. [Middle English, from Medieval Latin *licentiātus*, from past participle of *licentiāre*, to allow, from *licentia*,



Liberia



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ā pay	ou out
âr care	oo took
ä father	oo boot
ě pet	ŭ cut
ē be	ûr urge
1 pit	th thin
ī pie	th this
îr pier	hw which
ŏ pot	zlı vision
ō toe	ə about, item
ô paw	♦ regionalism

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