endure- survive; continue existing

ponder- think long and carefully

commotion- a loud noise or activity

commenced- began; started

strapping- healthy and strong

resembled- looked like something or someone else

suspicious- not to be trusted

relaying- passing along

stalking- following closely and in a sneaky way

solemnly- in a sad and serious way

convention- a formal meeting of a group with particular interests

delegates- people appointed to represent others

ratification- a formal act of approval or confirmation

petition- a formal request signed by many people

violations- acts that disregard an agreement, law, or rule

demonstrators- people who participate in public protests or marches in support of or against something

mistreated- treated in an unkind or cruel way

qualified- has met the necessary requirements to do or be something

segregation- official separation of groups of people based on a characteristic such as race or gender

sympathize- feel or express concern, compassion, and support for someone

provisions- materials or supplies

terrain- an area of land and its surface features

settlement- a place or region that is settled

bandits- enemies or outlaws

oblige- earn gratitude; do a favor for

limitation- something set within a certain boundary

grace- ease of movement

noble- excellent; notable

empower- enable or influence

resist- use one’s strength of will to defeat or overcome a challenge