

Important Terms:

Xerxes, Persian King (normally referred to as Xerxes) (pronounced "Zerk sees")

Queen Vashti – first queen of the king

Esther – heroine

Susa, capital city

Mordecai – (pronounced "More de Ki") Esther's guardian.

Citadel – a fortress that commands a city and is used in the control of the inhabitants and in defense during attack or siege.

Memucan (pronounced "Ma moo can")– one of seven advisors to the king.

Hegai – (pronounced "Ha guy") the king's eunuch.

Eunuch – castrated man, especially one formerly employed by rulers in the Middle East and Asia as a harem guard or palace official.

Haman the Agagite (pronounced (Ag ga gite") – Vizier (high official in certain Muslim countries)