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Word Bank

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| Persia | Purim | Jew | Mordecai |
| Shusan | Vashti | influence | Haman |

1. The capital of ancient Persia was _____.
2. Because Queen _____ refused to obey the king, he took away her royal title.
3. Esther's older cousin, _____, raised her as his own daughter.
4. Mordecai told Esther to keep it a secret that she was a _____ because he feared for her life.
5. Esther became queen of _____.
6. Today, Jews still celebrate the royal decree that saved the Jews, brought about by Esther's courage, in a two-day holiday called _____.
7. Ahasuerus' highest nobleman, _____, wanted to have all the Jews in Persia killed.
8. Esther used her _____ with the king to save her people from death.

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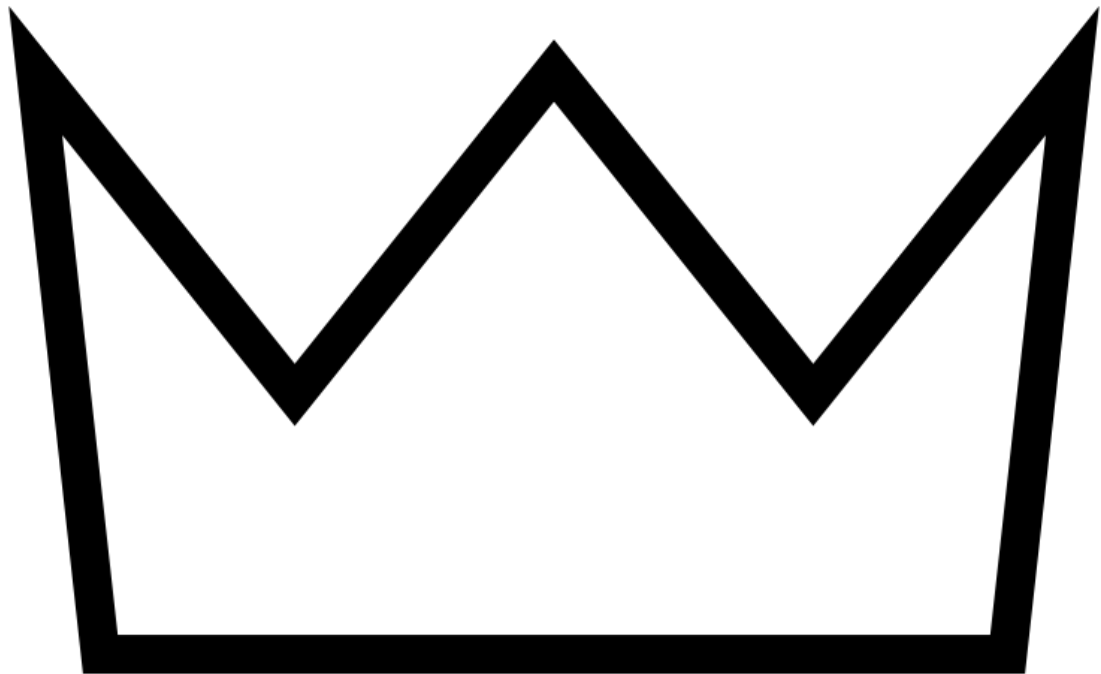
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10. In your own words, explain how Esther used her influence to save her people.

11. Queen Esther was a true hero to her people because she showed great courage in a difficult situation. Royalty often wears crowns. On the crown below, draw or write about a time when you, or someone you know, showed courage in a difficult situation.



Esther | Answer Key

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9. How did Esther become queen of Persia?
Sample Answer: There was a beauty pageant held at the king's palace. Young women from throughout the kingdom were put through intense training, competing to be queen. They were given beauty treatments and taught royal customs. King Ahasuerus chose Esther as his queen.
10. In your own words, explain how Esther used her influence to save her people.
Sample answer: Esther used strategy and persuasion to influence the king. She made sure to look her best and be respectful when she approached him. When the king graciously held out his golden scepter, he told Esther he would give her whatever she asked. Esther told the king of Haman's evil plan, admitted that she was a Jew, and asked the king to save her people.
11. Queen Esther was a true hero to her people because she showed great courage in a difficult situation. In books and movies, royalty often wears crowns. On the crown below, draw or write about a time when you, or someone you know, showed courage in a difficult situation
Answers will vary. Give credit for participation.