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Vocabulary:

"The Most Electric Place on Earth"

- 1. collide (kuh-LAHYD)** *verb*; To collide is to crash into something. *Collide* can also be used to talk about people or ideas clashing or conflicting with each other. If Madison's and Ava's goals collide, their goals are very different and get in the way of each other.
- 2. instrument (IN-struh-muhnt)** *noun*; When you hear the word *instrument*, you might think of a piano or a violin. But there are other kinds of instruments too. A thermometer is an instrument used to measure temperature. A microscope is an instrument used to look at very small things. Bottom line: An instrument is a tool or device used for a particular purpose.
- 3. peak (peek)** *noun*; A peak is the pointy top of something. *Peak* can also refer to the best or most intense point of something. For example, the peak of an athlete's career is the period during which he or she is performing his or her absolute best. Peak hours at a restaurant are the times of day when the restaurant is busiest.
- 4. sacred (SAY-krid)** *adjective*; Often, *sacred* is used to mean holy: connected to a god or a religion, or worthy of religious worship. Churches, temples, and mosques are sacred places. *Sacred* can also mean deserving of great respect and honor. You might consider a friendship or a beautiful place in nature to be sacred, for example.
- 5. topography (tuh-POG-ruh-fee)** *noun*; *Topography* refers to the physical features of the Earth's surface in a particular place or region. An area's topography includes both natural features like mountains, hills, valleys, lakes, and streams, and artificial features such as roads, railroads, and airports.
- 6. safeguard (SEYF-gahrd)** *noun or verb*; A safeguard is a precaution, protection, or defense. Washing your hands is a safeguard against sickness. A jewelry store might install a security system

Directions: On the back of this page, list any other words from the article whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the primary meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence using the word.