

## News Names, News Places, News Words

### News Names

**Ayatollah Khomeini** — Leader of the 1979 Iranian Revolution; **Jimmy Carter** — The 39th president of the United States; **John Adams** — The second president of the United States; **Mahmoud Ahmadinejad** — President of Iran; **Maya** — Ancient civilization that flourished in present-day Central America during the first century; **Philip Pullman** — Author of the “His Dark Materials” trilogy.

### News Places

**Belize; Boston, Massachusetts; Great Britain; Iowa; Iran; Roswell, New Mexico**

### News Words

**boycott** — Refusal to buy or use something as a form of coercion; **caucus** — In this case, a meeting to select candidates; **hostage** — A person held prisoner in order to force certain conditions to be met by a person or group; **mestizo** — A person of mixed European and Native American ancestry; **primary** — In this case, a preliminary election in which voters of each party nominate candidates for office; **toucan** — One of several brightly colored, large-billed birds native to tropical America; **trilogy** — A series of three books; **UFO** — Unidentified flying object, specifically any unexplained moving objects observed in the sky; **uranium** — A type of radioactive metal used in making nuclear weapons and as fuel in nuclear power plants.