

News Names, News Places, News Words

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Barack Obama — U.S. senator from Illinois and Democratic candidate for president; **Christopher Columbus** — Italian navigator and explorer who helped colonize the Americas for Spain; **George W. Bush** — The 43rd president of the United States; **Hillary Clinton** — U.S. senator from New York and Democratic candidate for president; **John Muir** — Writer and early conservationist who promoted the protection of the Yosemite Valley and other wilderness areas; **Neanderthal** — An extinct species of human that lived throughout Europe between 35,000 and 120,000 years ago.

News Places

California; Costa Rica; France; Haiti; Iraq; Japan

News Words

biofuel — A fuel made directly from living matter; **domino effect** — A chain or series of events set off by one event; **economy** — In this case, the wealth and resources of a country; **food riot** — A violent outbreak caused by a lack of access to food; **fossil** — The remains or impression of a prehistoric plant or animal preserved in stone; **larynx** — In humans, the hollow muscular organ forming an air passage to the lungs and holding the vocal cords; **meningitis** — A sometimes fatal disease caused by a viral or bacterial infection that causes headache, fever, and light sensitivity; **national debt** — The total amount of money that a government has borrowed; **steroids** — In this case, artificially produced hormones used to increase muscle mass.