

His 2500 Assignment 3. The Word. Use *OED* (PE1625.M7 *New English Dictionary*; PE 1625.M72, or PE1625.O871989 *Oxford English Dictionary* in Reference; or, “Oxford English Dictionary - OED Web” from “Dictionaries” in library web interface <http://www.eiu.edu/~booth/resources/erframes/internet.html>) to research three-to-five related words from Elizabeth’s speeches and provide a photocopy or printout of at least one definition and usage; then write a paragraph (at least four sentences) on what these words meant in Elizabeth's period and how the meaning of the subject has changed over time. Photocopy/printout due Jan. 29; paragraph due 3 Feb. [**Note:** This is a changed date from the syllabus.]

For example, I chose to look up “liberties” although the main entry in OED was singular “liberty”:

7. Law. a. A privilege or exceptional right granted to a subject by the sovereign power; = FRANCHISE n. 2b.

b. pl. (rarely collect. sing.) Privileges, immunities, or rights enjoyed by prescription or by grant.

1467 in Eng. Gilds (1870) 392 That he be disfranchised of his libertees. 1587 FLEMING Contn. Holinshed III. 1491/2, I thought meet to passe over the antiquitie of..Douer, with the liberties thereof. 1602 W. FULBECKE Pandectes 55 The Heluetians did bestow the liberties of their citie vpon Lewis the eleuenth. 1607 SHAKES. Cor. II. iii. 223 They haue chose a Consull, that will from them take Their Liberties.

[The latter are the most relevant usages (and closest to Elizabeth’s time) as they are plural.]