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**Definition**

**noun**

1. a group of states or countries united under a single government.
   
   *The U.S. Civil War began when the northern states refused to allow the southern states to leave the Union.*

2. an organization of working people.
   
   *The union agreed on a contract that promised fair wages for its members.*

**Advanced Definition**

**noun**

1. the act of uniting.
2. the condition of being united.
3. two or more things or people joined together to form a single entity.
4. a group of states or countries united under a single government.
5. the act of joining or of being joined in marriage.
6. an organization of laborers; trade union.

**These are some examples of how the word or forms of the word are used:**

1. Meanwhile, HUAC went on the road, holding hearings in cities across the US over the course of the next decade and investigating teachers, musicians, union organizers, and other groups. HUAC also inspired others.

2. It is where our union grows stronger. And as so many generations have come to realize over the course of the two-hundred and twenty one years since a band of patriots signed that document in Philadelphia, that is where the perfection begins.

3. "We the people, in order to form a more perfect union." Two hundred and twenty one years ago, in a hall that still stands across the street, a group of men gathered and, with these simple words, launched America's improbable experiment in democracy.

4. Here every portion of our country finds the most commanding motives for carefully guarding and preserving the union of the whole. The North, in an unrestrained intercourse with the South, protected by the equal laws of a common government, finds in the productions of the latter great additional resources of maritime and commercial enterprise and precious materials of manufacturing industry.

5. [This Constitution] had at its very core the ideal of equal citizenship under the law; a Constitution that promised its people liberty, and justice, and a union that could be and should be perfected over time. And yet words on a parchment would not be enough to deliver slaves from bondage, or provide men and women of every color and creed their full rights and obligations as citizens of the United States.