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revelation noun

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Definition of *revelation*

- a** : an act of [revealing](#) or communicating divine truth
b : something that is [revealed](#) by God to humans
- a** : an act of revealing to view or making known
b : something that is revealed
especially : an enlightening or astonishing disclosure
// shocking revelations
c : a pleasant often enlightening surprise
// her talent was a revelation
- capitalized* : an apocalyptic writing addressed to early Christians of Asia Minor and included as a book in the New Testament
 — called also *Apocalypse*
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Synonyms for *revelation*

Synonyms
 disclosure, divulgence, exposure

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// The revelation that she was a drug user was not a surprise to me.

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 — Omari Sankofa Ii, *Detroit Free Press*, 2 May 2021

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 — Michael Middlehurst-schwartz, *USA TODAY*, 30 Apr. 2021

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First Known Use of *revelation*

14th century, in the meaning defined at sense 1a

History and Etymology for *revelation*

Middle English *revelacioun*, from Anglo-French, from Late Latin *revelation-*, *revelatio*, from Latin *revelare* to reveal

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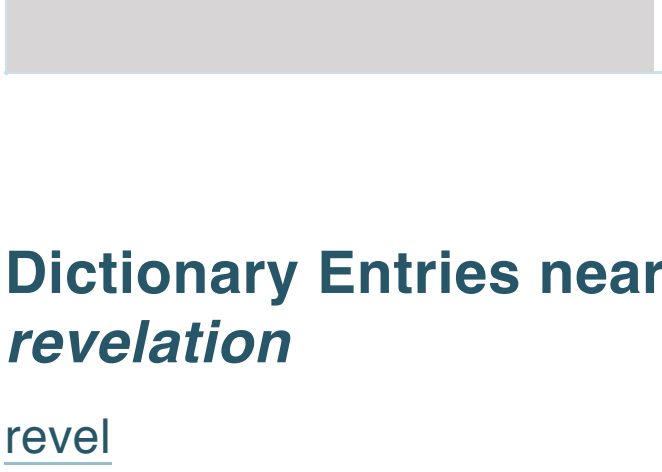
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English Language Learners Definition of *revelation*

- : a usually secret or surprising fact that is made known
- : an act of making something known : an act of revealing something in usually a surprising way
- : something that surprises you

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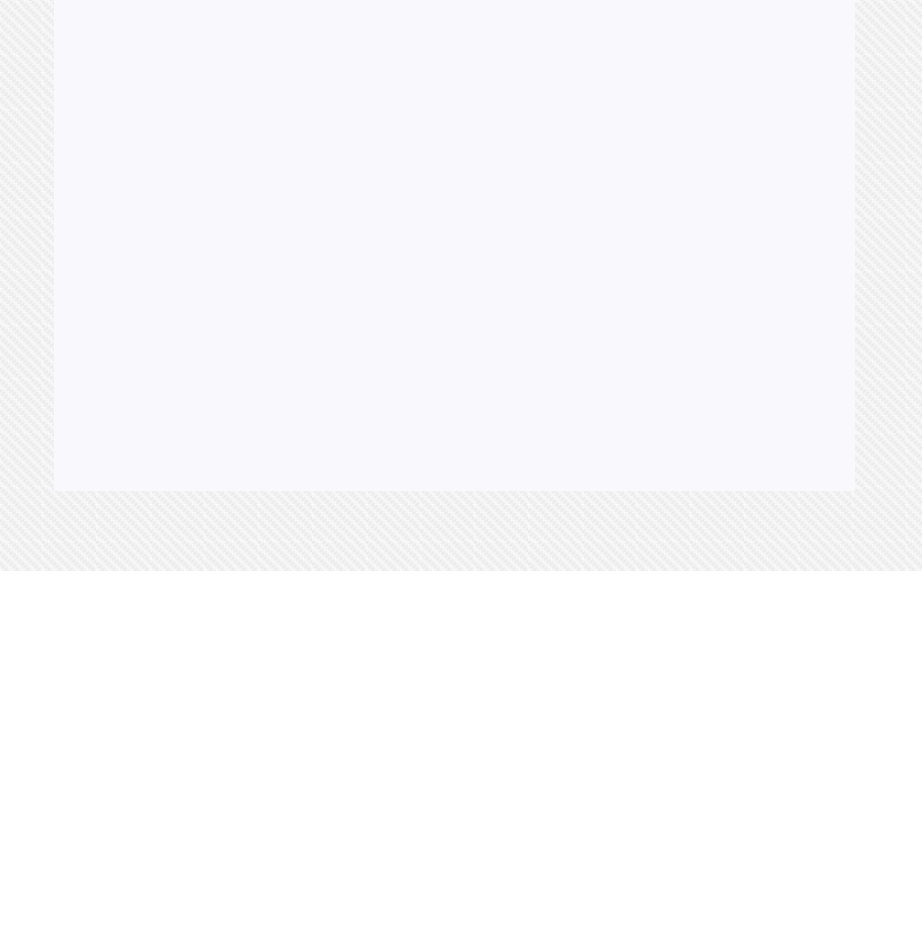
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