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ty·rant

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–noun

1. a sovereign or other ruler who uses power oppressively or unjustly.
2. any person in a position of authority who exercises power oppressively or despotically.
3. a tyrannical or compulsory influence.
4. an absolute ruler, esp. one in ancient Greece or Sicily.

Origin:

1250–1300; ME tirant < OF < L tyrannus < Gk týrannos

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mar·tyr

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–noun

1. a person who willingly suffers death rather than renounce his or her religion.
2. a person who is put to death or endures great suffering on behalf of any belief, principle, or cause: a martyr to the cause of social justice.
3. a person who undergoes severe or constant suffering: a martyr to severe headaches.
4. a person who seeks sympathy or attention by feigning or exaggerating pain, deprivation, etc.

–verb (used with object)

5. to make a martyr of, esp. by putting to death.
6. to torment or torture.

Origin:

bef. 900; (n.) ME marter, OE martyr < LL < LGk mártýr, var. of Gk mártys, mártýros

witness; (v.) ME martiren, OE martyrian, deriv. of n.

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vic·tim

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–noun

1. a person who suffers from a destructive or injurious action or agency: a victim of an automobile accident.
a person who is deceived or cheated, as by his or her own emotions or ignorance, by
2. the dishonesty of others, or by some impersonal agency: a victim of misplaced confidence; the victim of a swindler; a victim of an optical illusion.
3. a person or animal sacrificed or regarded as sacrificed: war victims.
4. a living creature sacrificed in religious rites.

Origin:

1490–1500; < L *victima* sacrificial animal





