lustrum

Word of the Day for Toastmasters everywhere

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**lustrum**

(noun) LUS-trum

A period of five years.

The sacred flame of curiosity burns dimmer and dimmer as *lustrum* is added to *lustrum* in human life, but it is never extinguished.


In the post-war *lustrum*, that last golden age of spectator sport in this country, attendance figures in general were breathtaking.


That proud distinction has been sadly blurred by a "lustration law" recently enacted by the Federal Assembly.

The term itself has unfortunate roots. It derives from the Latin "*lustrum*," meaning a purifying sacrifice carried out at five-year intervals in Imperial Rome.