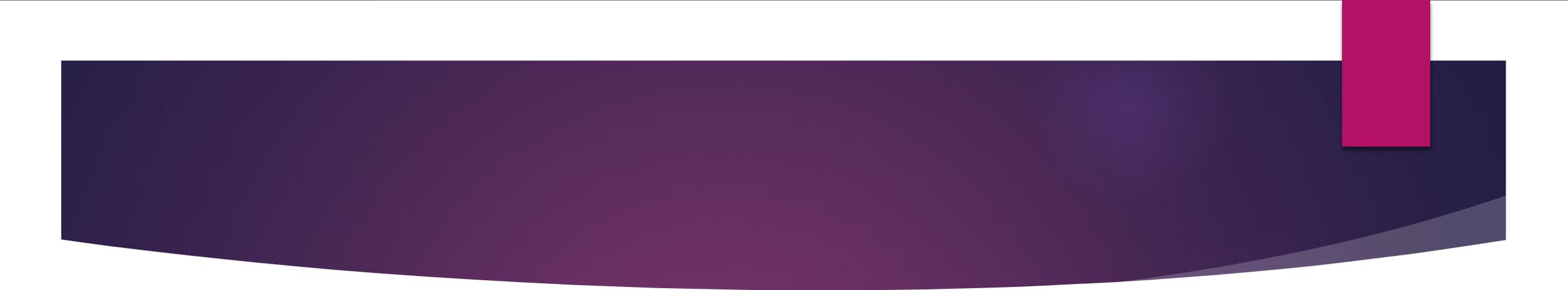


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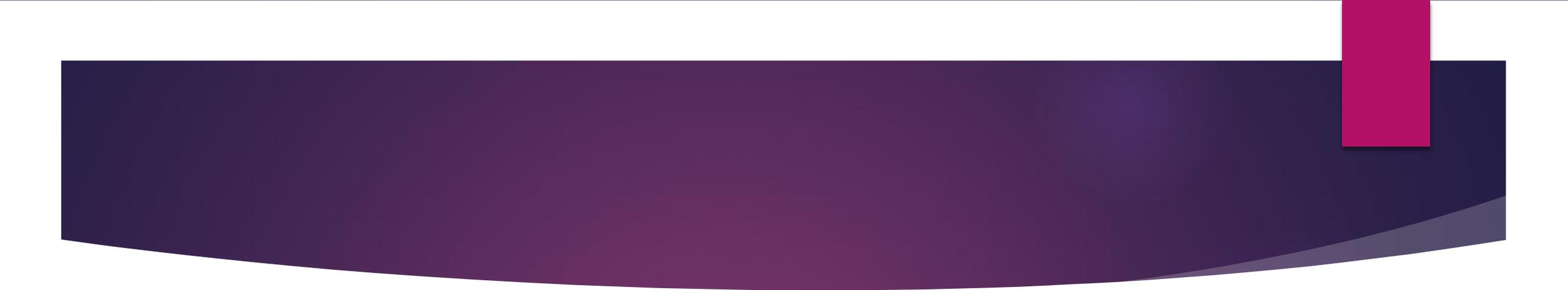
8TH GRADE

QUIZ ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH



1. JOSTLE, v. (j s l) to bump, shove, or brush against

“Shoppers jostled with one another in the crowded aisles during the Black Friday sale.”



2. HOVER, v. (h v r, h v -) to move back and forth uncertainly over or around

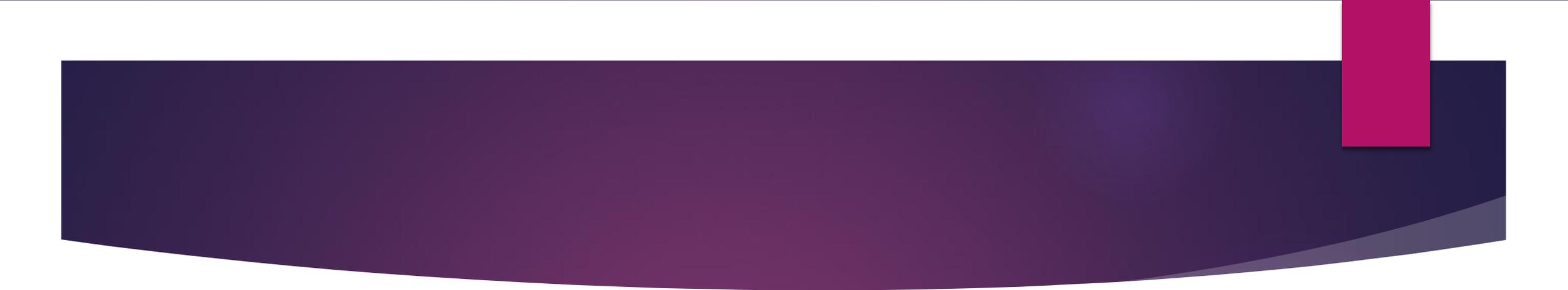
“The coach hovered over his injured player as the trainers carefully tended to his knee.”

3. WRANGLE, n. (r ng g l) a loud, noisy quarrel or argument; v. to argue noisily

“The political wrangle over how education money should be allocated led to protests from concerned citizens. (noun)”

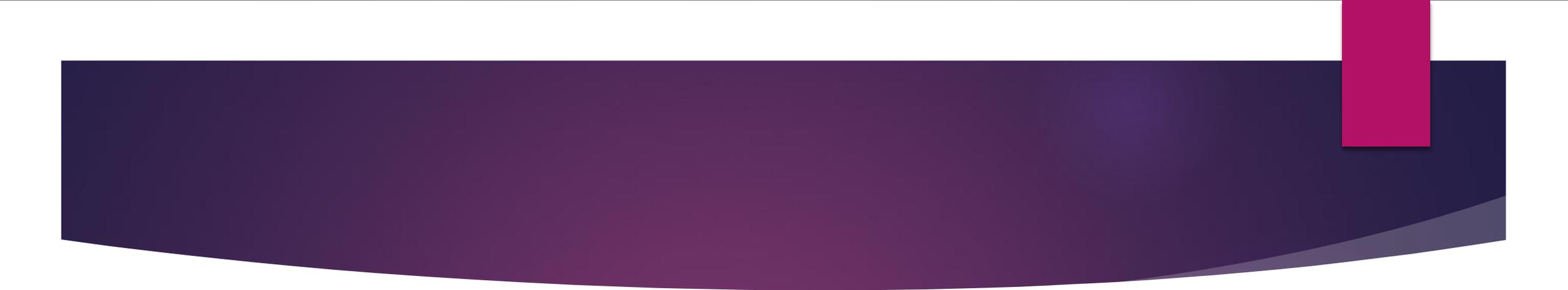
“The brothers wrangled over who should have the last piece of pumpkin pie.” (verb)

Antonym: promote



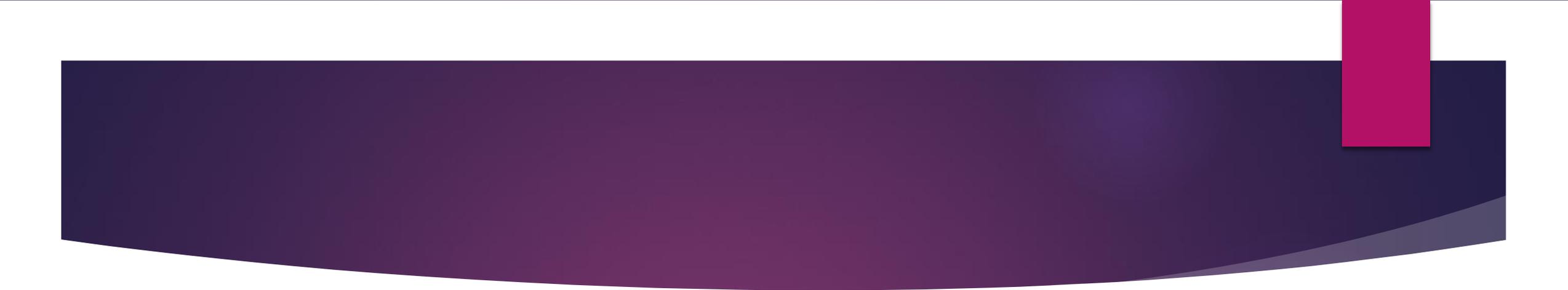
4. VIGIL, n. (v j l) a careful watching over, especially at night

“Classmates of the injured students held a candlelight vigil outside the school gymnasium.”



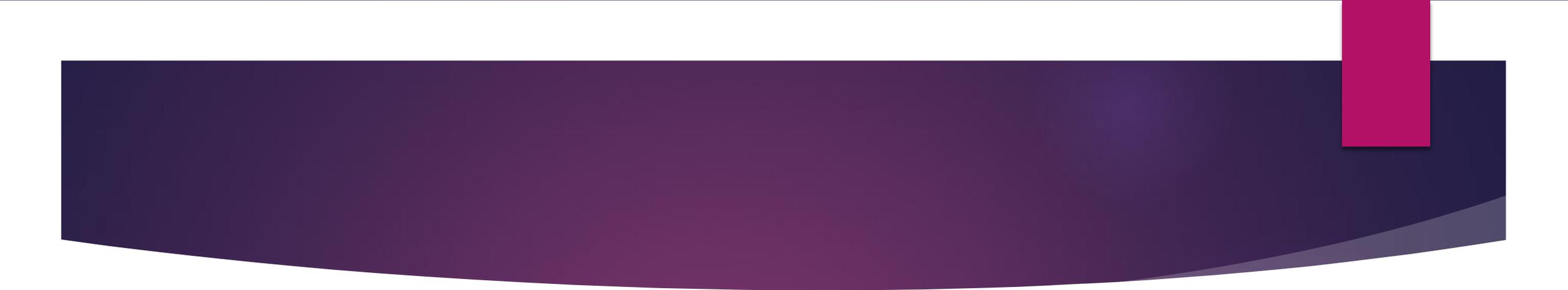
5. GROPE, v. (gr p) to feel about hesitantly
with the hands

*“When the power went out, Phil groped
around the dark apartment in search of a
flashlight.”*



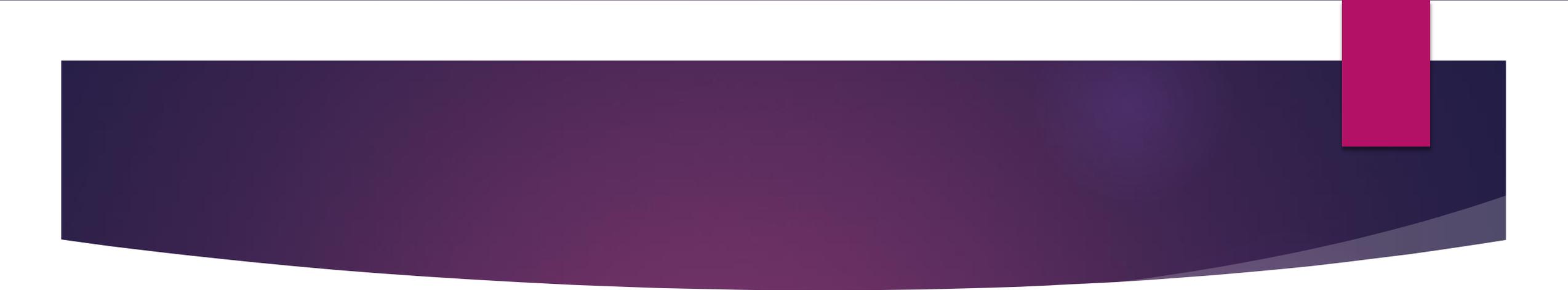
6. BONANZA, n. (b -n n z) a very large amount; a surplus

“The new sitcom proved to be a ratings bonanza for the network, setting new viewing records for a Friday night show.”



7. COLLABORATE, v. (k -l b -r t) to work together, join forces

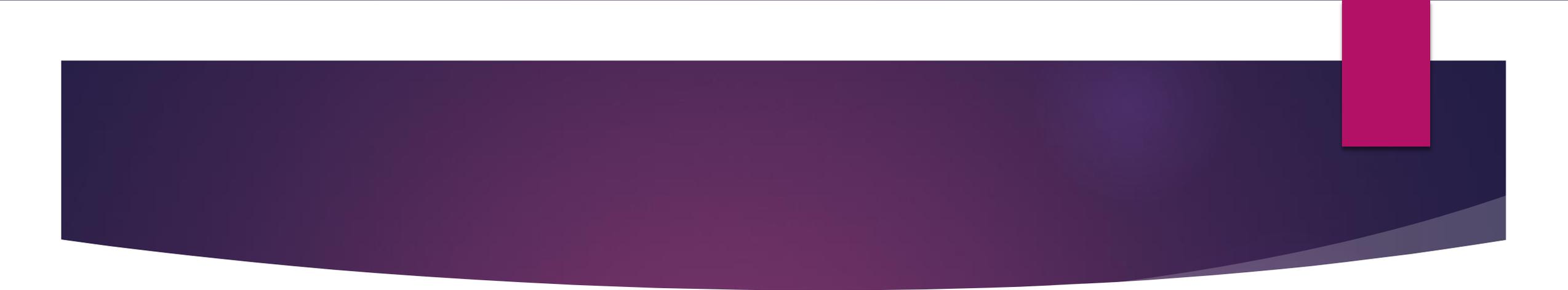
“Several students collaborated on the homecoming float, and they managed to complete it in only one day.”



8. EVOLVE, v. (-v lv) to develop gradually; to change over time

“Organizers hope the new 5K run will evolve into a popular annual event for charity.”

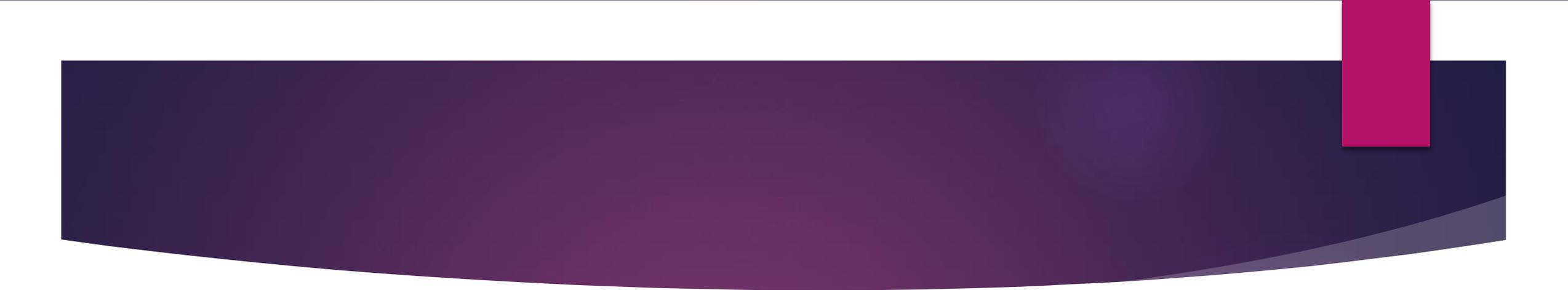
Syn: unfold



9. PLAUDITS, n. pl. (plô d ts) applause, praise

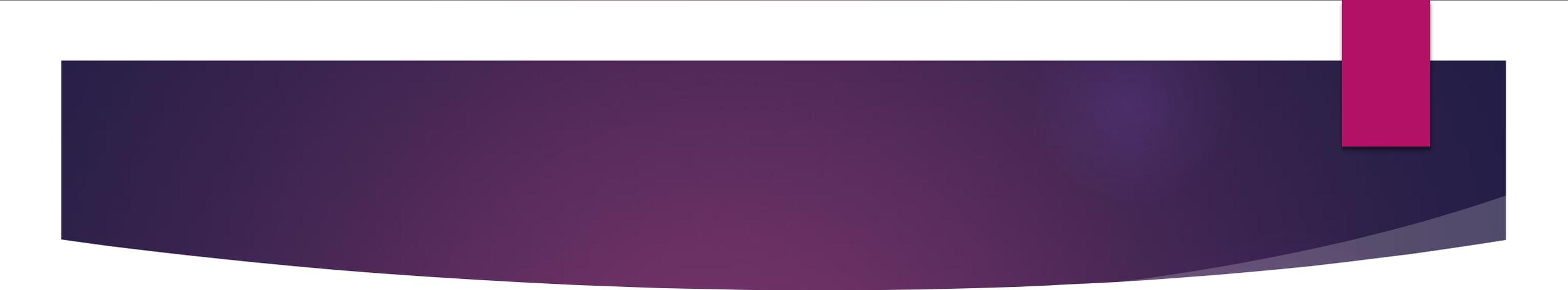
“The team of scientists earned plaudits for their work on cell development.”

Antonym: disapproval



10. SERVILE, adj. (sûr v l, -v l) of or relating to a servant or slave

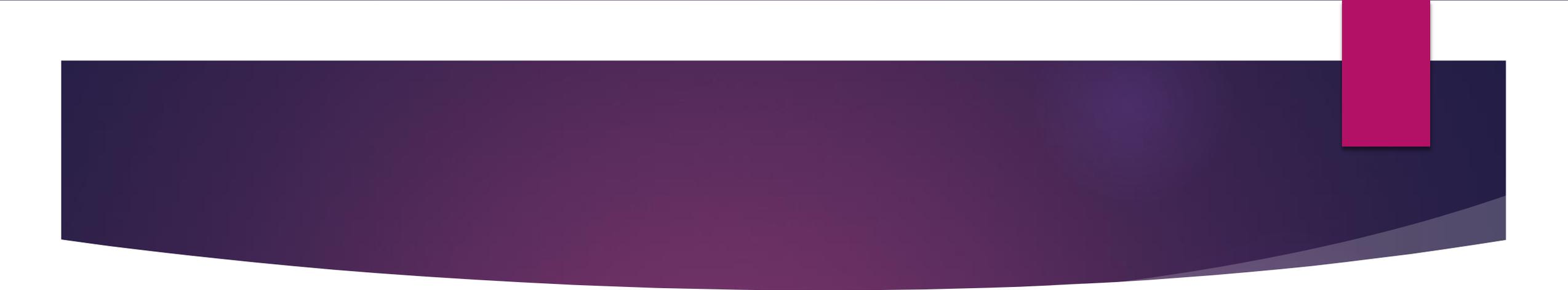
“Servile conditions in factories throughout the U.S. at the start of the 20th century helped spark the American labor movement.”



11. RUBBLE, n. (r b l) broken stone or bricks; that which is left over after something is destroyed

“Amid the rubble of the collapsed building, rescuers could hear the faint voices of survivors trapped inside.”

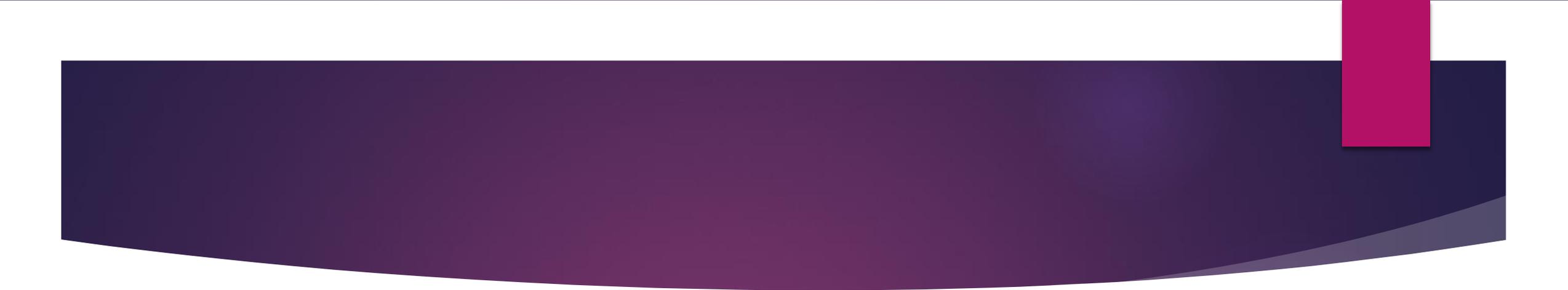
Syn: wreckage



12. CITADEL, n. (s t -d l, -d l) a fortress protecting a city; any strong or commanding place

“Invading forces attempted to breach the citadel in order to take control of the capital.”

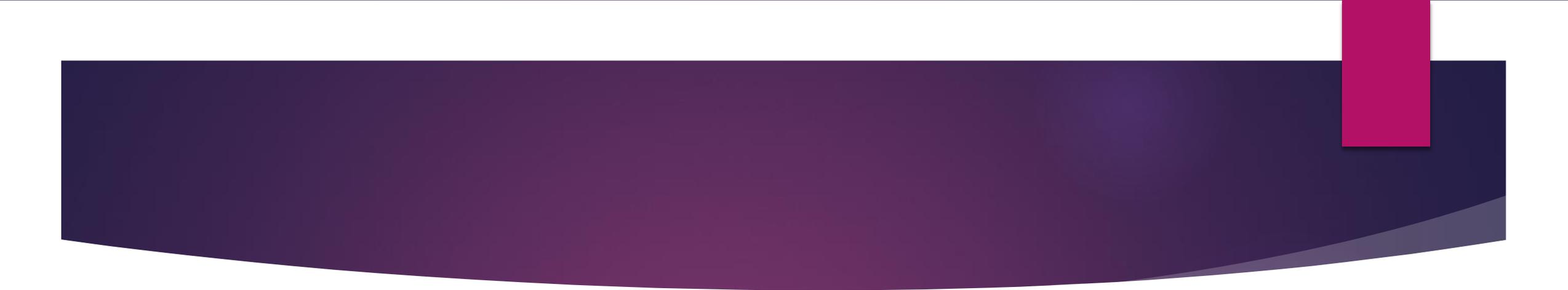
Syn: Bastion



13. DECREE, n. (d -kr) an authoritative statement having the force of law; v. (d -kr) to command firmly or forcefully

“In his decree, the king ordered all ports closed so that inspections of the facilities could take place.” (noun)

“Queen Elizabeth decreed that September 11 would become a national day of remembrance.” (verb)



14. LAGGARD, n. (l g rd) one who is slow and falls behind; adj. (l g rd) falling behind or off the pace

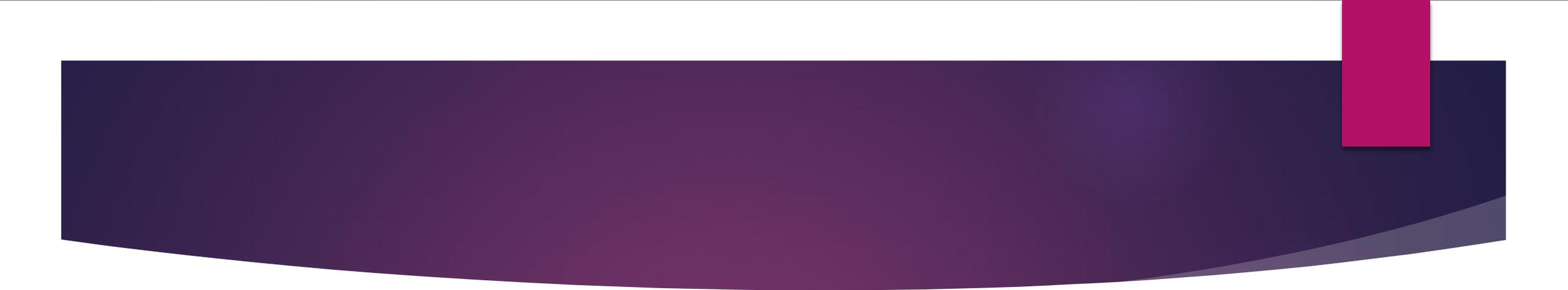
“There is no room for laggards in our speed-walking club; everyone walks briskly in order to keep up with the group.” (noun)

“When the major news story hit, some networks were on top of it, but others were laggard in their response time.” (adj.)

Syn: sluggish

15. ADAGE, n. (d j) a wise saying, a proverb

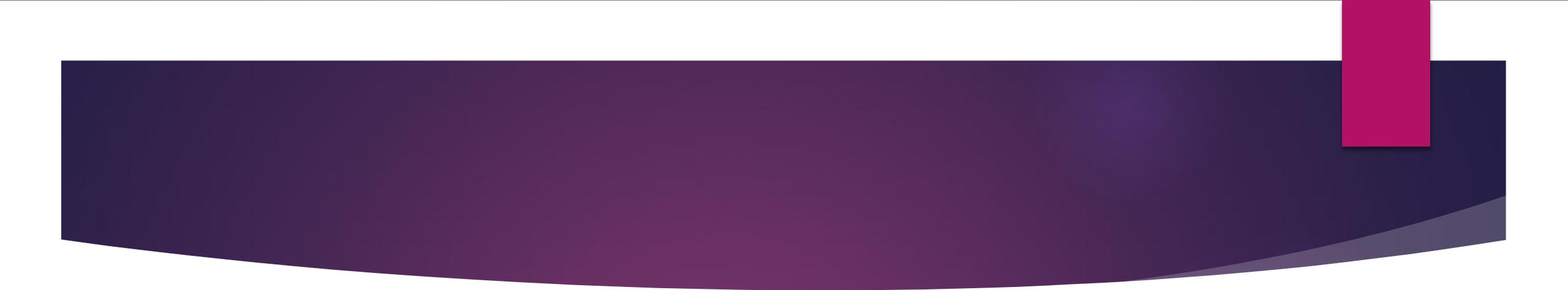
“Benjamin Franklin had an adage for every occasion, such as “A penny saved is a penny earned.””



16. CHURLISH, adj. (chûr l sh) rude, childish, immature, insensitive

“Jeff’s churlish behavior at the party caused him to be escorted from the house and driven home.”

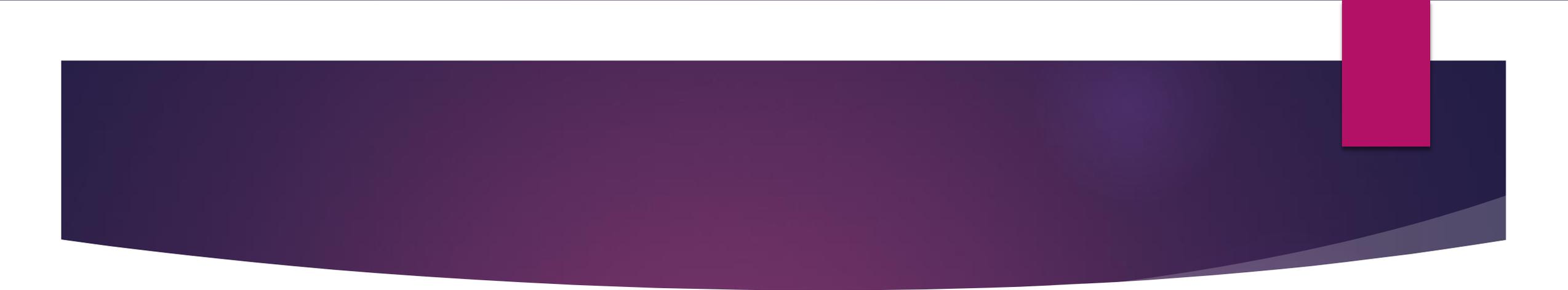
Antonym: courteous



17. DISCORDANT, adj. (d -skôr dnt) lacking in harmony, in a state of disagreement

“The two candidates’ views on most issues were so discordant, they couldn’t even agree on where to hold their debates.”

Ant: harmonious

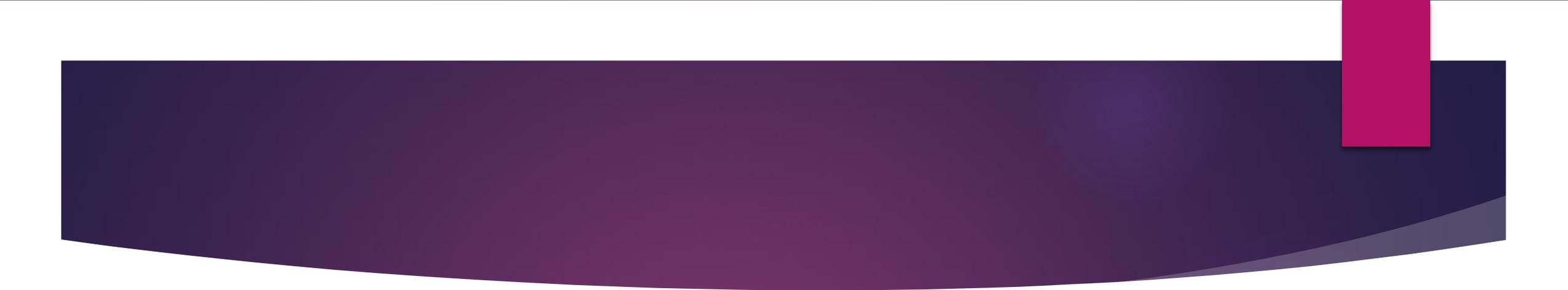


18. EXCERPT, n. (k sŭrpt) a small portion taken from a larger work such as a book or article; v. (k sŭrpt) to take out a small part of a larger work

“The teacher read excerpts of Edgar Allan Poe’s The Murders in the Rue Morgue prior to Halloween.”

“The reading passage in our textbook was excerpted from a larger work by the same author.”

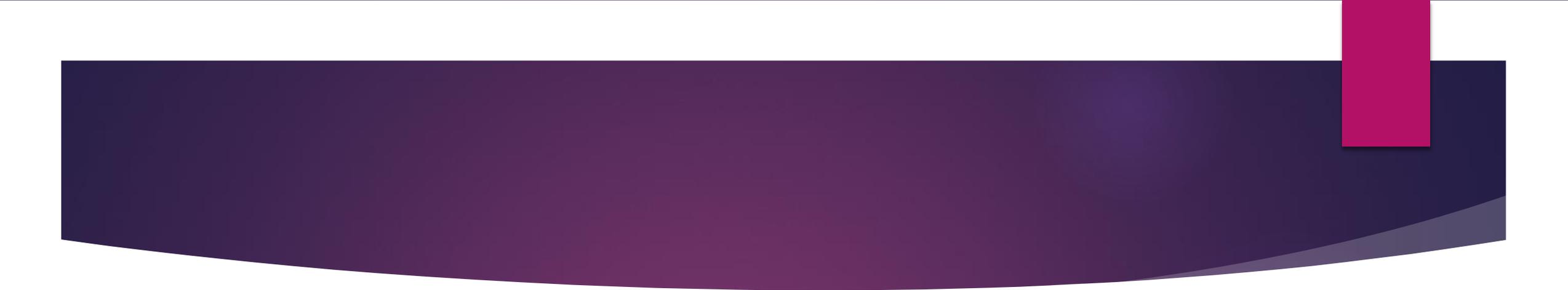
Syn: Section



19. PRECLUDE, v. (pr -kl d) to make impossible,
to prevent from happening

“The heavy rains that fell in the hours leading
up to kick-off precluded the game from taking
place and forced it to be rescheduled.”

Ant: facilitate



20. REVERT, v. (r -vûrt) to return to a previous condition or state

“When faced with a new environment, we often revert to our old ways of thinking to help make us feel comfortable.”