

LE #2 Vocabulary (Citizens and U.S. Government)

Below each definition, find a picture or write a sentence to represent each vocabulary word.

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1. **Preamble:** *The first paragraph of the United States Constitution. It outlines the six major goals of the document and states that “we the people” wrote them.*

Picture/Example Sentence:

2. **Constitution:** *A document written to ensure the protection of our rights and freedoms as American citizens.*

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3. **Amend:** *To make a formal change or fix to a document.*

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4. **Ratification:** *Officially approving something; usually by vote.*

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5. **Checks and Balances:** *The process of each government branch watching each other to balance the power in our government.*

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6. **Legislative Branch:** *The Legislative Branch is in charge of making our country's laws. Made up of two groups; the House of Representatives and the Senate.*

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7. **Executive Branch:** *The Executive Branch is in charge of enforcing (making sure people listen to) our country's laws. The President is in charge of the Executive Branch.*

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8. **Judicial Branch:** *The Judicial Branch is in charge of interpreting (explaining) our country's laws.*

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9. **Impeach:** *To formally accuse an official in the United States government of doing something illegal or that abuses the power of their position.*

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10. Democracy: Government run by common people who either rule directly or elect officials to rule.

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11. Ex Post Facto: Literally means “after the fact”, this limit on Congress states that you cannot be punished for something that wasn’t illegal when you did it.

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12. Habeas Corpus: Literally means “you shall have the body”, this limit on Congress states that someone has the right to be seen in court by a judge when accused of a crime.

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13. Separation of Powers: Splitting government power into three branches (Legislative, Executive, Judicial) in order to ensure that no one person or group has too much power.

Picture/Example Sentence:

14. Bill: An idea for a law.

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15. Veto: To reject a decision or proposal made by another government group.

Picture/Example Sentence:

16. Cabinet: The group of 15 executives appointed by the President to help advise them on different aspects of the United States Government.

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17. Appeal: Asking a higher level court for a previous court’s decision to be reversed.

Picture/Example Sentence:

18. Delegate: A representative who is usually elected to their position.

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19. Establish: To permanently set something up.

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20. Federal: The central (main) U.S. government that has authority over all states.

Picture/Example Sentence:

21. Government: An organization that decide on policy, laws, and actions of a (country, state, etc.)

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22. Citizen: A legal member of a state, country, etc.

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23. Verdict: A court's decision or judgement.

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24. Counter Argument - Counterclaim: A claim made opposing (against) a previous claim.

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