

Chapter 3 Vocabulary Words

Republic	A type of government in which people elect leaders to represent them.
Citizen	A member of a city, state, or town who has legal rights and responsibilities.
Democracy	A government in which citizens have the power to make political decisions.
Sovereignty	The right to rule.
Self-Evident	Something that does not need explaining or proof, such as basic rights.
Unalienable	Unable to be taken away, such as unalienable rights.
Liberty	Freedom to govern oneself.
Legislative Branch	The branch of the U.S. and state government that makes laws. The U.S. Congress (Senate and House) make up this branch.

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Executive Branch	The branch of the U.S. government that carries out the laws. The president and his administration make up this branch.
Judicial Branch	The branch of the U.S. government that decides what laws mean and makes sure that laws are applied fairly. The courts and judges make up this branch.
Checks and Balances	The separation of powers in a democracy that gives each branch of government some form of authority over the others.
Jury	A panel of ordinary citizens who make decisions in a court of law.
Candidate	A person who runs for a particular job or office.
Patriotism	The pride and support a people feel for their country.
Symbol	A thing that stands for or represents something else.
Petition	A formal request to do something.