

# Vocabulary Builder



## A More Perfect Union

### A. Content Vocabulary

**Directions** Select a vocabulary term from the box to complete each of the sentences that follow. Not all the terms will be used.

proportional	Electoral College	amendment
compromise	depression	depreciate
republic	legislative branch	bicameral
federalism	checks and balances	executive branch
judicial branch	manumission	ordinance

1. In a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ like the United States, citizens rule through elected representatives.
2. In the late 1700s, the number of free African American people in Virginia grew due to the passage of a law that encouraged \_\_\_\_\_.
3. An example of a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to the U.S. Constitution is the Bill of Rights.
4. In creating their own constitution, most of the original states set up a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ legislature to divide the power between two houses.
5. In the House of Representatives, the number of representatives must be \_\_\_\_\_, or correspond in size, to the population of each state.
6. The political feature of the United States government whereby power is shared between the federal and state governments is called \_\_\_\_\_.

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7. In 1785, the Confederation Congress passed a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ that established a procedure for surveying and selling the western lands north of the Ohio River.
  
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ system was established so that no single branch can dominate the government.

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### B. Academic Vocabulary

**Directions** Match the academic words in Column A to their definitions in Column B.

**Column A**

- 1. abandon
- 2. clause
- 3. convention
- 4. amend
- 5. tradition
- 6. reside

**Column B**

- A.** a meeting of people
- B.** to change for the better
- C.** cultural belief and practice
- D.** to give up
- E.** to exist
- F.** a condition added to a document

**Directions** Determine whether the words below are in noun, verb, or adjective form. Put a check mark (✓) in the appropriate column.

Words	Noun	Verb	Adjective
7. abandon			
8. abandonment			
9. amend			
10. amendment			
11. clause			
12. convention			
13. conventional			
14. tradition			
15. traditional			
16. reside			

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### C. Combined Vocabulary Reinforcement

**Directions** Complete the following sentences by selecting the content or academic vocabulary term that best fits. You may need to change the form of the word to fit the sentence. Not all terms will be used.

compromise	Electoral College	amendments
republic	depression	depreciate
ordinance	legislative branch	bicameral
federalism	convention	executive branch
judicial branch	manumission	checks and balances
abandoned	traditions	convention

- Alexander Hamilton called a \_\_\_\_\_ to consider what changes were needed to the Articles of Confederation.
- The president and vice president are elected by a group of presidential electors called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Money printed during the American Revolution began to \_\_\_\_\_, resulting in the Continental Congress and the states printing their own paper money.
- The branch of the government that establishes the laws is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Founding Fathers held a \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss and rewrite the laws that would be fair and just for the nation.
- In a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, two or more sides reach an agreement in which each side gives up some of what it wants.

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7. Americans broke away from British rule, but they still respect British \_\_\_\_\_, or cultural beliefs and practices.
8. The branch of government headed by the president is the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. During a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, economic activity slows and unemployment increases.
10. State representatives wanted the power to write and approve \_\_\_\_\_ to the Constitution.
11. A few states refused to approve the Articles until other states \_\_\_\_\_ the right to own land west of the Appalachian Mountains.
12. The Supreme Court is a part of the \_\_\_\_\_ of government.