

★ **COVENANT** ★



A sacred promise or agreement between God and His people.

★ **AGENCY** ★



The power to act, make choices, and be responsible for our decisions.

★ **MORAL AGENCY** ★



The ability to choose between right and wrong and be accountable for our choices.

★ **MORAL** ★



Knowing the difference between right and wrong and choosing good.

★ **LIFE** ★



A gift from God that is sacred and worthy of protection.

★ **LIBERTY** ★



Freedom under law. Acting with full knowledge and responsibility.

★ **PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS** ★



A lifelong quest for moral virtue, self-mastery, and character improvement.

★ **CONSTITUTION** ★



The written plan that describes how our nation is governed.

★ **PLURALISM** ★



Many different beliefs and backgrounds living together in freedom.

★ **ACCOUNTABILITY** ★



Being responsible for our actions and answering for our choices.

★ **RULE OF LAW** ★



Everyone, including leaders, must follow the law. No one is above the law.

★ **SELF-GOVERNMENT** ★



Ruling ourselves through laws we make and leaders we choose.

★ **POLITICS** ★



The process of making decisions for a community or a country.

★ **DIPLOMACY** ★



The art of dealing with other nations peacefully through discussion.

★ **REPRESENTATIVE REPUBLIC** ★



A government where people choose representatives to make laws and decisions.

★ **CONTINENTAL CONGRESS** ★



The group of leaders from the colonies who met to unite and make decisions.

★ **REVOLUTIONARY WAR** ★



The war fought for American independence from British rule.

★ **AMENDMENT** ★



A change or addition to the Constitution.

★ **BILL OF RIGHTS** ★



The first ten amendments to the Constitution that protect our freedoms.

★ **DECLARATION** ★



The statement of our independence and the reasons for it.

★ **PATRIOT** ★



A person who loves their country and is willing to help and defend it.

★ **INDEPENDENCE** ★



The freedom to govern ourselves and make our own choices as a nation.

★ **FREEDOM** ★



The power to act and live without unlawful restraint.

★ **TYRANNY** ★



Cruel and unjust rule where power is used to control and oppress the people.

★ **EXECUTIVE BRANCH** ★



The branch of government that carries out and enforces laws.

★ **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH** ★



The branch of government that creates laws.

★ **JUDICIARY** ★



The branch of government that interprets laws and settles disputes.

★ **MAGNA CARTA** ★



A 1215 document that established that even kings must obey the law.

★ **MAYFLOWER COMPACT** ★



An agreement made by the Pilgrims to govern themselves fairly.

★ **SELF-EVIDENT** ★



Clearly true and requiring no proof.

★ **RIGHTS** ★



Freedom and protections that belong to people.

★ **INALIENABLE RIGHTS** ★



Rights given by God that cannot rightfully be taken away.

★ **13 COLONIES** ★



The original British colonies that became the United States.

★ **FEDERALIST PAPERS** ★



Essays explaining and supporting the Constitution.

★ **ACTS** ★



Laws passed by a government.

★ **SONS OF LIBERTY** ★



A group of colonists who opposed British control and defended colonial rights.