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The U.S. Constitution - Vocabulary

Amendment	An official or formal change made to a law or any other legal document.
Articles of Confederation	An agreement among the thirteen original states of the United States that served as the first Constitution.
Bill of Rights	The first ten amendments to the Constitution of the U.S. are collectively known as the Bill of Rights.
Constitution	A document that embodies the laws and principles by which the United States is governed.
Constitutional Convention	A gathering for the purpose of writing a new constitution or revising an existing one.
Bicameral	A two-tier legislative system comprising the Senate and the House of Representatives.
Democracy	A rule by the people. A system of government, where, the citizens elect their representatives by voting.
Monarchy	A form of government in which one person, the monarch such as the king or queen rule the kingdom or empire.
Preamble	The opening statement to the United States Constitution. It explains why the Framers made our government a republic.
Ratification	Ratification is the official way to confirm something, usually by vote. It is the formal validation of a proposed law.

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Impeachment	A process by which a legislative body levels charges against a government official.
Double jeopardy	It is a constitutional clause, that protects a person from being charged twice for the same crime, either be an acquittal or a conviction.
Self-incrimination	The act of being forced or coerced to testify against oneself.
Suffrage	A franchise to the citizens to choose their leader in an election by voting.
Veto	The constitutional right to reject a decision or proposal made by a lawmaking body.
Enumerated powers	Powers that are listed in the Constitution and granted to the Congress.
Judicial review	Power of the courts of a country to examine if the actions of the government are consistent with the Constitution.
Servitude	The state of being a slave or completely subject to someone more powerful.
Senate	The upper house of the United States Congress, to which two members are elected from each state by popular vote for a term of six years.
House of Representatives	The lower house of the United States Congress. It is less powerful than the Senate.