



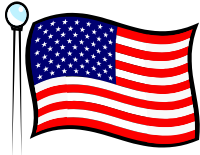
## **Big Ideas of Lesson 2, Unit 5**









- The United States has a constitutional form of government. The Constitution, a written document, establishes the powers and limits of government.
- The United States is a republic. It is based on the idea of popular sovereignty – that the people hold the power of government in the United States.
- Since it is impractical for everyone to make decisions in government, people give representatives authority to make decisions for them. This means we have a representative government.
- In a representative democracy like the United States, the emphasis is on values and principles such as liberty, rule of law, popular sovereignty, and the common good.

# Word Cards

Word Cards from previous lessons needed for this lesson:

- Government – Word Card #1 from Lesson 1
- Federal Government – Word Card #2 from Lesson 1
- Constitution – Word Card #3 from Lesson 1

<p><b>5</b> <b>Founders</b></p> <p>the people who helped establish our country</p>  <p><b>Example:</b> The Founders of our country helped create our first government.</p> <p>(SS040502)</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>popular sovereignty</b></p>  <p>the power and authority of the government comes from the people</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Popular sovereignty is an important core democratic value.</p> <p>(SS040502)</p>
<p><b>7</b> <b>core democratic values</b></p>  <p>things people believe in that bring people together as Americans</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Freedom and fairness are examples of core democratic values.</p> <p>(SS040502)</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>limited government</b></p> <p>the government can only do what the people have given it the power to do</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Limited government means the government can't just do whatever it wants.</p> <p>(SS040502)</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9</b> <b>republic</b></p> <p>a government not led by a hereditary rule (leaders based on birth), but where people hold the power of government and choose leaders to make decisions</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Our government is a republic.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(SS040502)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b> <b>representative government</b></p>   <p>a form of government where people choose representatives to make decisions for them</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Our U.S. government is a representative democracy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(SS040502)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11</b> <b>the common good</b></p>  <p>people working together for the benefit of everybody</p> <p><b>Example:</b> When you help clean up in the classroom you are doing something for the common good.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(SS040502)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12</b> <b>constitutional government</b></p>   <p>a government based on a Constitution describes powers of government</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Many governments have a constitution, but not all limit the power of the government.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(SS040502)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13</b> <b>laws</b></p>  <p>statements that define how citizens should behave</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Communities, states and countries have laws.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(SS040502)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14</b> <b>rule of law</b></p>   <p>everyone, including the people who run the government, must obey the laws</p> <p><b>Example:</b> By following the rule of law, we can make sure that nobody is above the law.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(SS040502)</p>

