

Vocabulary Post-test Review

Directions: Write the definition for each of the following words.

1. Abolitionist movement: The movement where people tried to get rid of slavery.
2. Amend: a change to the Constitution.
3. Compromise: an agreement in which both sides in a dispute agree to give up something.
4. Secede: to withdraw from an organization or alliance.
5. Federalism: the constitutional system that shares power between state and national governments.
6. Legislature: The lawmaking part of government.
7. Neutrality: a policy of not choosing sides in a war or dispute between other countries.
8. Popular Sovereignty: the idea that the authority of government comes from the people.
9. Republic: a country governed by elected representatives.
10. Territory: a region designated or owned by the government or Congress.
11. Annex: to add a territory to a country.
12. Treaty: a formal agreement between nations.
13. Segregation: the social separation of groups of people (especially by race).
14. Oppression: the feeling of being weighed down or held back by severe and unfair forces.
15. Emancipation: the act of freeing people from slavery.
16. Bicameral: Having 2 lawmaking parts.
17. Checks and Balances: the system that allows each branch of government to limit the powers of the other branches.