**Bill of Rights-**The first ten amendments of the United States Constitution that lays out the freedoms and rights guaranteed to each citizen.

**Checks and Balances-**The policy where each branch of government is subjected to a number of constitutional checks or restrictions by the other two branches.

**Executive Agreement –**A pact (agreement) made by the President directly with the head of a foreign state.

**Formal Amendment-**Changes or additions that become part of the written language of the Constitution.

**Judicial Review-**The power of a court to determine the constitutionality of a governmental action.

**Limited Power-**The belief that governments are not all powerful and may only do what the people have given them the power to do.

**Rule of Law-**The policy that holds that the government and its officers in all they do are subject to and never above the law.

**Treaty-**A formal agreement between two or more sovereign states.

**Unconstitutional-**The judicial power to declare an act of government illegal, null and void, of no force or effect if it violates any provisions of the Constitution.

**Veto-**The Presidents power to reject any act proposed by Congress.