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Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

amendment change made to the Constitution

anarchy absence of government

Articles of Confederation the first written plan of government for the United States

Bill of Rights the first 10 amendments to the Constitution

Constitution the written plan of government for the United States (U.S.) which explains the powers and duties of the government

Constitutional Convention the meeting at which the United States Constitution was written

Declaration of Independence the document that lists the reasons Americans wanted to be free of English rule

democracy system of government in which power comes from the people

global involvement the public policy of taking an active part in world affairs

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government the political organization through which public policy is made and enforced

isolationism the principle or policy of avoiding political alliances and economic relationships with other countries

laws written rules of behavior that can be enforced by a government

popular sovereignty rule by the people

Preamble the beginning of the Constitution

public policy a plan or position that the government decides to follow on a certain issue

republic type of government in which people choose their leaders through regular elections

Revolutionary War the war between England and the American colonies