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*Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.*

- affirmative action** ..... a government policy encouraging the acceptance of minorities in school admissions and hiring practices
- bail** ..... money paid for an accused person's release from jail and held by the court until the accused returns for trial
- civil rights** ..... personal rights guaranteed to all individuals
- double jeopardy** ..... trying a person twice for the same crime; the Constitution does not allow this
- due process of law** ..... fair and equal treatment by the court system
- libel** ..... printing lies about a person
- majority** ..... more than half
- majority rule** ..... the idea that the majority of the people should make the decisions
- Miranda warning** ..... the name given to a set of statements that law enforcement officers are required to make to inform a suspect of his or her rights; the result of the Supreme Court decision of *Miranda v. Arizona* (1966)

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- minority** ..... less than half
- petition** ..... written request submitted to government officials
- quotas** ..... holding a specific number of jobs or school openings for minorities only
- reverse discrimination** ..... favoring minority individuals over equally qualified majority individuals
- search warrant** ..... a written order signed by a judge giving permission to search a home or other property
- separate but equal doctrine** ..... the idea that separation of races is acceptable as long as facilities and legal protections for each race are equal
- separation of church and state** .... the restriction which prohibits government interference with religious issues
- slander** ..... making false oral statements about a person