

Vocabulary Builder



The Constitution

A. Content Vocabulary

Directions Match the correct word from the list above to its proper definition. Write the word in the corresponding box in the left-hand column.

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| Judicial review | Due process | Reserved power |
| Popular sovereignty | Separation of powers | Naturalization |
| Enumerated power | Implied power | Equal protection |
| Concurrent power | Limited government | |

TERM	DEFINITION
1.	the right to be treated the same as everyone else under the law
2.	the power of the court to judge if an action is constitutional
3.	the process by which a person born in another country can become an American citizen
4.	powers that are clearly listed in the Constitution and given solely to the federal government
5.	powers that are retained by the states
6.	when government is subject to the will of the people
7.	the rules the government must follow before it may limit or take away the rights of a citizen
8.	a power that is suggested but not spelled out
9.	a government that only has as much power as necessary to carry out its duties
10.	powers that are shared by the state governments and the federal government
11.	the principle by which government power is divided among different branches of government

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B. Academic Vocabulary

Directions: Complete the chart below with the correct word forms. You may use a dictionary to help you.

Vocabulary Word	Related Term	Synonym or Antonym?	Create your own antonym and synonym
Example: HOT	COLD	Answer: antonym	A: burning S: freezing
ADMINISTRATE	CARRY OUT		
DIMINISH	INCREASE		
INVOLVE	EXCLUDE		
CONTRADICT	AGREE		

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C. Combined Vocabulary Reinforcement

Directions: Complete the following sentences by selecting the content or academic vocabulary term that best fits. You may need to change the form of the word to fit the sentence. Not all terms will be used.

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| preamble | implied power | administrate |
| popular sovereignty | limited government | enumerated power |
| reserved power | involve | concurrent power |
| naturalization | contradict | due process |
| equal protection | separation of powers | judicial review |

1. The Constitution spells out _____—those powers that belong to the federal government alone. It also discusses _____, which are those powers retained by the states. Sometimes, both state governments and the federal government have the same authority to act, something called _____.
2. Before the government can take away a person’s rights or liberties, the government must follow a clear and consistent set of rules and procedures. This is known as _____.
3. The role of the executive branch is to _____, or carry out, the laws created by Congress.
4. People are entitled to be treated the same way under the laws, an idea known as _____.
5. A person can become a citizen by being born on American soil or by going through a process called _____.

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6. If people do not live up to their responsibilities as citizens by getting _____, it can diminish the quality of our government and communities.

7. To make sure that no person or group becomes too powerful, the Constitution provides for a _____, by which government powers are divided among three branches.