

America's Pathways to Independence

Vocabulary

<u>Tax:</u>	Money that people have to pay to the government. The government's revenue or source of income.
<u>Boycott:</u>	The act of refusing to buy or engage the services of an organization or person, often with the intent of producing a desired outcome.
<u>Patriot:</u>	One who loves, supports, and defends his or her country.
<u>Loyalist:</u>	Someone who remained loyal to the King.
<u>Smuggling:</u>	To take in or out of a country illegally.
<u>Liberty:</u>	The condition in which an individual has the right or power to act and choose freely.
<u>Protest:</u>	To express objection or disapproval.
<u>Quarter:</u>	To give people food or shelter.
<u>Correspondence:</u>	Written communication, usually by letters or email.
<u>Monopoly:</u>	A person or group having complete control over something.
<u>Treason:</u>	Disloyalty to one's country or its government.
<u>Petition:</u>	A document signed by many people and requesting some action from the government.
<u>Declaration:</u>	A statement that declares, or announces, an idea.
<u>Independence:</u>	Freedom from the control or influence of others.
<u>Delegate:</u>	A person chosen to act for or represent another person or group of people.
<u>Ratify:</u>	To approve in an official way; confirm.
<u>Veto:</u>	To reject laws made by Congress.
<u>Repeal:</u>	To do away with or cancel officially.
<u>Commander:</u>	A person who leads and controls. Often an officer who is the leader of a military unit.
<u>Strategy:</u>	A plan of action intended to accomplish a specific goal.
<u>Militia:</u>	A body of citizen soldiers enrolled for military service and called out periodically for drills but serving full time only in emergencies.
<u>Mercenary:</u>	A soldier who is paid to fight for a foreign country.

<u>Retreat:</u>	Move away from the enemy.
<u>Surrender:</u>	To give up.
<u>Compromise:</u>	To settle by agreeing that each side will change or give up some demands.
<u>Tyrant:</u>	A ruler who governs absolutely with unfairness and cruelty.
<u>Blockade:</u>	The act or means of sealing off an area to prevent goods or people from entering or leaving.
<u>Constitution:</u>	A written plan for government.
<u>Republic:</u>	A government in which the citizens elect leaders to represent them.
<u>Democracy:</u>	A government in which the people have the power to make political decisions.
<u>Amendment:</u>	A change or addition to a law.