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| **GOVERNMENT VOCABULARY** | |
| State’s rights | The idea that the states, not the national government, should have the final say on all laws |
| Ratify | To approve |
| Preamble | An introduction; First part |
| Ally | A Partner |
| Separation of power | The division of powers among the three branches of the national government. |
| Establish | To make someone/something widely known and accepted; to begin |
| Constitutional | Agrees with the constitution of a country or government |
| Unconstitutional | Does not agree with the constitution of a country or government |
| Federalism | A system of government in which the power to govern is shared by the national and state governments |
| Bill | An idea for a new law |
| Veto | To reject |
| Impeach | To accuse a government official of a crime |
| Patriotic | Having or showing love that a person feels for his or her country. |
| Allegiance | The loyalty of a citizen to his or her government |
| Indivisible | Impossible to divide or separate. |
| Civic duty | Things citizens must do by law for the good of their country. |
| Checks and balances | A system that keeps each branch of government from becoming too powerful or misusing its authority. |
| Compromise | To give up some of what you want in order to reach an agreement |