SUPREME COURT CASES

These pages provide summaries of key Supreme Court rulings over the course of the nation's history. For additional material and links to Supreme Court cases, see Civics: Participating in Government Companion Web site at www.phschool.com

Baker v. Carr, 1962

(14th Amendment, Equal Protection Clause) Rapid population growth in Nashville and reluctance of the rural-dominated Tennessee legislature to redraw State legislature districts led Mayor Baker of Nashville to ask for federal court help. The federal district court refused to enter the "political thicket" of State legislature redistricting and the case was appealed. The Court directed a trial to be held in a Tennessee federal court. The case led to the 1964 Westberry decision, which created the "one man, one vote" equal representation concept.

Bethel School District #403 v. Fraser, 1986

(1st Amendment, freedom of speech) A high school student gave a sexually suggestive political speech at a high school assembly to elect student officers. The school administration strongly disciplined the student, Fraser, who argued that school rules unfairly limited his freedom of political speech. Fraser's view was upheld in State court. Washington appealed to the Supreme Court, which found that "It does not follow, however, that simply because the use of an offensive form of expression may not be prohibited to adults making what the speaker considers a political point, the same latitude must be permitted to children in a public school."

Bob Jones University v. United States, 1983

(14th Amendment in conflict with 1st Amendment) Bob Jones University, a private school, denied admission to applicants in an interracial marriage or who "espouse" interracial marriage or dating. The Internal Revenue Service then denied tax exempt status to the school because of racial discrimination. The university appealed, claiming that their policy was based on the Bible. The Court upheld the IRS ruling, stating that "...Government has a fundamental overriding interest in eradicating racial discrimination in education."

Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, 1954

(14th Amendment, Equal Protection Clause) Probably no 20th century Supreme Court decision so deeply stirred and changed life in the United States as Brown. A 10-year-old Topeka girl was not permitted to attend her neighborhood school because she was an African American. The Court heard arguments about whether segregation itself was a violation of the Equal Protection Clause and found that it was, commenting that "in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate

but equal' has no place.... Segregation is a denial of the equal protection of the laws." The decision overturned Plessy, 1896.

California v. Greenwood, 1988

(4th Amendment, illegal evidence) Acting on a tip that Billy Greenwood was selling narcotics, police examined trash bags that had been picked up from Greenwood's house. Items associated with drug use were found in the garbage and were listed in the application for a search warrant. The subsequent search revealed further evidence that was used in a trial to obtain a conviction. When Greenwood appealed the "warrantless search," the Court said that garbage bags left in the street are accessible to "animals, children, scavengers, snoops, and other members of the public." Greenwood could not reasonably have expected that the contents of the garbage would remain private. The evidence was admissible.

The Civil Rights Cases, 1883

(14th Amendment, Equal Protection Clause) The Civil Rights Acts of 1875 included punishments for businesses that practiced discrimination. The Court ruled on a number of cases involving the Acts in 1883, finding that the Constitution, "while prohibiting discrimination by governments, made no provisions...for acts of racial discrimination by private individuals." The decision limited the impact of the Equal Protection Clause, giving tacit approval for segregation in the private sector.

Dennis v. United States, 1951

(1st Amendment, freedom of speech) The Smith Act of 1940 made it a crime for any person to work for the violent overthrow of the United States in peacetime or war. Eleven Communist party leaders, including Dennis, had been convicted of violating the Smith Act, and they appealed. The Court upheld the Act. Much modified by later decisions, the Dennis case focused on anti-government speech as an area of controversy.

Dred Scott v. Sandford, 1857

(6th Amendment, individual rights) This decision upheld property rights over human rights by saying that Dred Scott, a slave, could not become a free man just because he had traveled in "free soil" States with his master. A badly divided nation was further fragmented by the decision. "Free soil" federal laws and the Missouri Compromise line of 1820 were held unconstitutional because they deprived a slave owner of the right

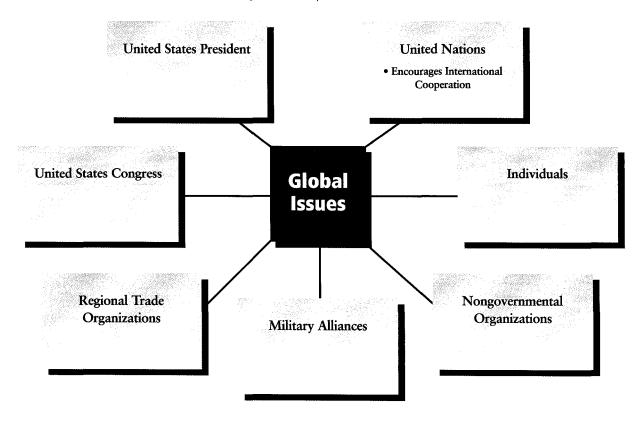
UNIT 8 ASSESSMENT

Reviewing Main Ideas

- 1. Explain how developed nations differ from developing nations. Why does this difference often make it hard for nations to cooperate in solving global problems?
- 2. Describe some common types of foreign policy issues. In making foreign policy, why should our government consider the
- needs of other nations rather than just our own needs?
- **3.** Choose one global problem. Discuss how American foreign policy could help solve it.
- **4.** Explain how the UN is both similar to and different from national governments.

Summarizing the Unit

The web graphic organizer below will help you organize the main ideas of Unit 8. Copy it onto a separate sheet of paper. Review the unit and complete the graphic organizer by giving examples of how each group or organization plays a role in dealing with global issues. The "United Nations" rectangle has been partially completed for you as an example. When you have finished, choose one group or organization from the web graphic organizer and write a one-page essay explaining in detail how it can make a difference in solving global problems.



to his "property" without just compensation. This narrow reading of the Constitution, a landmark case of the Court, was most clearly stated by Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, a States' rights advocate.

Edwards v. South Carolina, 1963

(1st Amendment, freedom of speech and assembly) A group of mostly African-American civil rights activists held a rally at the South Carolina State Capitol, protesting segregation. A hostile crowd gathered and the rally leaders were arrested and convicted for "breach of the peace." The Court overturned the convictions, saying that "The Fourteenth Amendment does not permit a State to make criminal the peaceful expression of unpopular views."

Engel v. Vitale, 1962

(1st Amendment, Establishment Clause) The State Board of Regents of New York required the recitation of a 22-word nonsectarian prayer at the beginning of each school day. A group of parents filed suit against the required prayer, claiming it violated their 1st Amendment rights. The Court found New York's action to be unconstitutional, observing, "There can be no doubt that...religious beliefs [are] embodied in the Regent's prayer."

Escobedo v. Illinois, 1964

(6th Amendment, right to counsel) In a case involving a murder confession by a person known to Chicagoarea police and who was not afforded counsel while under interrogation, the Court extended the "exclusionary rule" to illegal confessions in State court proceedings. Carefully defining an "Escobedo Rule," the Court said, "where...the investigation is no longer a general inquiry...but has begun to focus on a particular suspect...(and where) the suspect has been taken into custody...the suspect has requested...his lawyer, and the police have not...warned him of his right to remain silent, the accused has been denied...counsel in violation of the Sixth Amendment."

Ex Parte Milligan, 1866

(Article II, executive powers) An Indiana man was arrested, treated as a prisoner of war, and imprisoned by a military court during the Civil War under presidential order. He claimed that his rights to a fair trial were interfered with and that military courts had no authority outside of "conquered territory." He was released because "the Constitution...is a law for rulers and people, equally in war and peace, and covers...all...men, at all times, and under all circumstances." The Court held that presidential powers to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in time of war did not extend to creating another court system run by the military.

Furman v. Georgia, 1972

(8th Amendment, capital punishment) Three different death penalty cases, including Furman, raised the question of racial imbalances in the use of death sentences by State courts. Furman had been convicted and sentenced to death in Georgia. In deciding to overturn existing State death-penalty laws, the Court noted that there was an "apparent arbitrariness of the use of the sentence..." Many States rewrote their death-penalty statutes and these were generally upheld in Gregg v. Georgia, 1976.

Gibbons v. Ogden, 1824

(Article I, Section 8, Commerce Clause) This decision involved a careful examination of the power of Congress to "regulate interstate commerce." Aaron Ogden's exclusive New York ferry license gave him the right to operate steamboats to and from New York. He said that Thomas Gibbon's federal "coasting license" did not include "landing rights" in New York City. Federal and State regulation of commerce conflicted. The Court strengthened the power of the United States to regulate any interstate business relationship. Federal regulation of television, pipelines, and banking are all based on Gibbons.

Gideon v. Wainwright, 1963

Decision: Gideon won a new trial and was found not guilty with the help of a court-appointed attorney. The "Gideon Rule" upheld the 6th Amendment's guarantee of counsel for all poor persons facing a felony charge, a further incorporation of Bill of Rights guarantees into State constitutions.

Gitlow v. New York, 1925

(1st Amendment, freedom of speech) For the first time, the Court considered whether the 1st and 14th amendments had influence on State laws. The case, involving "criminal anarchy" under New York law, was the first consideration of what came to be known as the "incorporation" doctrine, under which, it was argued, the provisions of the 1st Amendment were "incorporated" by the 14th Amendment. Although New York law was not overruled in the case, the decision clearly indicated that the Supreme Court could make such a ruling. Another important incorporation case is Powell v. Alabama, 1932.

Gregg v. Georgia, 1976

Decision: The Court upheld the Georgia death sentence, finding that it did not violate the cruel and unusual punishment clause of the 8th Amendment. The Court stated for the first time that "punishment of death does not invariably violate the Constitution."

Griswold v. Connecticut, 1965

(14th Amendment, Due Process Clause) A Connecticut law forbade the use of "any drug, medicinal article, or instrument for the purpose of preventing conception." Griswold, director of Planned Parenthood in New Haven, was arrested for counseling married persons and after conviction, appealed. The Court overturned the Connecticut law, saying that "various guarantees (of the Constitution) create zones of privacy..." and questioning, "...would we allow the police to search the sacred precincts of marital bedrooms...?"

The decision is significant for raising for more careful inspection the concept of "unenumerated rights" in the 9th Amendment, later central to Roe, 1973.

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 1988

Decision: The Court upheld the principal's action because the school official acted as the publisher of the newspaper. "1st Amendment rights of students...are not automatically coextensive with the rights of adults in other settings...." School officials had full control over school-sponsored activities "so long as their actions are reasonably related to legitimate pedagogical concerns..."

Heart of Atlanta Motel, Inc. v. United States, 1964

Decision: The Court upheld the law, saying, "If it is interstate commerce that feels the pinch, it does not matter how 'local' the operation which applies the squeeze.... The power of Congress to promote interstate commerce also includes the power to regulate the local incidents thereof, including local activities...which have a substantial and harmful effect upon that commerce." Segregation by race of private facilities engaged in interstate commerce was found unconstitutional.

In Re Gault, 1966

(14th Amendment, Due Process Clause) Prior to the Gault case, proceedings against juvenile offenders were generally handled as "family law," not "criminal law" and provided few due process guarantees. Gerald Gault was assigned to six years in a State juvenile detention facility for an alleged obscene phone call. He was not provided counsel and not permitted to confront or cross-examine the principal witness. The Court overturned the juvenile proceedings and required that States provide juveniles "some of the due process guarantees of adults," including a right to a phone call, to counsel, to cross-examine, to confront their accuser, and to be advised of their right to silence.

Island Trees School District v. Pico, 1982

(1st Amendment, freedom of speech) A number of books were removed by the school board from the library at Island Trees High School, New York. When a group of students sued to have the books returned, the case reached the Supreme Court. The Court reversed the decision of the school board, saying that though school boards "possess significant discretion to determine the content of their school libraries...that discretion may not be exercised in a narrowly partisan or political manner."

Katz v. United States, 1967

(4th Amendment, electronic surveillance) The Court reversed Olmstead, 1928, in this decision about wire-tapping. Arrested for illegal gambling after using a public phone to transmit information about betting, Katz claimed that the electronic bug, used without a warrant, was a violation of his 4th Amendment rights. The Court expanded the protections of the 4th Amend-

ment, observing that persons, not just property, are protected against illegal searches. Whatever a citizen "seeks to preserve as private, even in an area accessible to the public, may be constitutionally protected."

Korematsu v. United States, 1944

Decision: The Court upheld the military order, noting that "pressing public necessity [World War II] may sometimes justify the existence of restrictions which curtail the civil rights of a single racial group..." but added that "racial antagonism never can...[justify such restrictions]." Only Japanese Americans were interned during World War II.

Lemon v. Kurzman, 1971

(1st Amendment, Establishment Clause) In overturning State laws regarding aid to church-supported schools in this and a similar Rhode Island case, the Court created the Lemon test limiting "...excessive government entanglement with religion." The Court noted that any State law about aid to religion must meet three criteria: (1) purpose of the aid must be clearly secular, not religious, (2) its primary effect must neither advance nor inhibit religion, and (3) it must avoid "excessive entanglement of government with religion."

Marbury v. Madison, 1803

(Article III, judicial powers) Chief Justice Marshall established "judicial review" as a power of the Supreme Court. After defeat in the 1800 election, President Adams appointed many Federalists to the federal courts, but the commissions were not delivered. New Secretary of State James Madison refused to deliver them. Marbury sued in the Supreme Court. The Court declared a portion of the Judiciary Act of 1789 unconstitutional, thereby declaring the Court's power to find acts of Congress unconstitutional.

Massachusetts v. Sheppard, 1984

(4th Amendment, illegal evidence) A search in Massachusetts was based on a warrant issued on an improper form. Sheppard argued that the search was illegal and the evidence was inadmissible under Mapp, 1961. Massachusetts argued that the police acted in "good faith," believing that the warrant was correct. The Court agreed with Massachusetts, noting that the exclusionary rule should not be applied when the officer conducting the search had acted with the reasonable belief that he was following proper procedures. This was the first of several exceptions to the Exclusionary Rule handed down by the Court in the 1980s, including Nix, 1984, and United States v. Leon, 1984.

McCulloch v. Maryland, 1819

(Article I, Section 8, Necessary and Proper Clause) Called the "Bank of the United States" case. A Maryland law required federally chartered banks to use only a special paper to print money, which amounted to a tax. James McCulloch, the cashier of the Baltimore branch of the bank, refused to use the paper, claiming that States

could not tax the Federal Government. The Court declared the Maryland law unconstitutional, commenting "...the power to tax implies the power to destroy."

Miller v. California, 1973

(1st Amendment, freedom of the press) In Miller, the Court upheld a stringent application of California obscenity law by Newport Beach, California, and attempted to define what is obscene. The "Miller Rule" included three criteria: (1) That the average person would, applying contemporary community standards, find that the work appealed to the prurient interest; (2) that the work depicts or describes, in an offensive way, sexual conduct defined by State law; and (3) that "the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value...."

Miranda v. Arizona, 1966

(5th, 6th, and 14th amendments, rights of the accused) Arrested for kidnapping and sexual assault, Ernesto Miranda signed a confession including a statement that he had "full knowledge of [his] legal rights...." After conviction, he appealed, claiming that without counsel and without warnings, the confession was illegally gained. The Court agreed with Miranda that "he must be warned prior to any questioning that he has the right to remain silent, that anything he says can be used against him in a court of law, that he has a right to...an attorney and that if he cannot afford an attorney one will be appointed for him...." Although later modified by Nix, 1984, and other cases, Miranda firmly upheld citizen rights to fair trial in State courts.

Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Dept. of Health, 1990

(9th Amendment, right to die) A Missouri woman was in a coma from an automobile accident in 1983. Her family, facing astronomical medical bills and deciding that "her life had ended in 1987," directed the health care providers to end intravenous feeding. The State of Missouri opposed the family's decision. The family went to court and the Supreme Court ruled that States could require "clear and convincing" evidence that Cruzan would have wanted to die, although the Court did not require other States to meet the Missouri standard. Following the ruling, another hearing was held in Missouri at which "clear and convincing evidence" was presented to a judge. The intravenous feeding was ended and Cruzan died on December 26, 1990.

Mueller v. Allen, 1983

Decision: The Court upheld the law, stating that it met the Lemon test (Lemon, 1971), and that the deduction was available to all parents with children in school. Although it was of greater benefit to parents of children in private schools, each parent had the choice of which school their children attended.

New Jersey v. T.L.O., 1985

Decision: The court set a new standard for searches in schools in this case, stating that the school had a "legitimate need to maintain an environment in which learning can take place," and that to do this "requires some easing of the restrictions to which searches by public authorities are ordinarily subject...." The Court thus created a "reasonable suspicion" rule for school searches, a change from the "probable cause" requirement in the wider society.

New York Times v. United States, 1971

Decision: The Court cited the 1st Amendment guarantee of a free press and refused to uphold the injunction against publication, observing that it is the obligation of the government to prove that actual harm to the nation's security would be caused by the publication. The decision limited "prior restraint" of the press.

Nix v. Williams, 1984

(4th Amendment, illegal evidence) A man was convicted of murdering a 10-year-old girl after he led officers to the body. He had been arrested, but not advised of his rights, in a distant city, and in transit, he had conversed with a police officer. Williams agreed that the child should have a proper burial and directed the officer to the body. Later, on appeal, Williams's attorneys argued that the body should not be admitted as evidence because the questioning was illegal. The Court disagreed, observing that search parties were within two and one-half miles of the body. "Evidence otherwise excluded may be admissible when it would have been discovered anyway." The decision was one of several "exceptions to the exclusionary rule" handed down by the Court in the 1980s.

Olmstead v. United States, 1928

(4th Amendment, electronic surveillance) Olmstead was engaged in the illegal sale of alcohol. Much of the evidence against him was gained through a wiretap made without a warrant. Olmstead argued that he had "a reasonable expectation of privacy," and that the Weeks decision of 1914 should be applied to exclude the evidence gained by the wiretap. The Court disagreed, saying that Olmstead intended "to project his voice to those quite outside...and that...nothing tangible was taken." Reversed by subsequent decisions, this case contains the first usage of the concept of "reasonable expectation of privacy" that would mark later 4th Amendment decisions.

Plessy v. Ferguson, 1896

(14th Amendment, Equal Protection Clause) A Louisiana law required separate seating for white and African-American citizens on public railroads, a form of segregation. Herman Plessy argued that his right to "equal protection of the laws" was violated. The Court held that segregation was permitted if facilities were equal. The Court interpreted the 14th Amendment as "not intended to give Negroes social equality but only political and civil equality...." The Louisiana law was seen as a "reasonable exercise of (State) police power..." Segregated public facilities were permitted until Plessy

was overturned by the Brown v. Board of Education case of 1954.

Powell v. Alabama, 1932

(6th Amendment, right to counsel) The case involved the "Scottsboro Boys," seven "young negro men" accused of sexual assault. This case was a landmark in the development of a "fundamentals of fairness" doctrine of the Court over the next 40 years. The Scottsboro boys were quickly prosecuted without the benefit of counsel and sentenced to death. The Court overturned the decision, stating that poor people facing the death penalty in State courts must be provided counsel, and commenting, "...there are certain principles of Justice which adhere to the very idea of free government, which no [State] may disregard." The case was another step toward incorporation of the Bill of Rights into State constitutions.

Regents of the University of California v. Bakke, 1978

Decision: The Court ruled narrowly, providing an admission for Bakke, but not overturning "affirmative action," preferring to take discrimination questions on a case-by-case basis.

Reynolds v. United States, 1878

(1st Amendment, Free Exercise Clause) Called the "Mormon Case," this decision involved George Reynolds, an "old order" Mormon with multiple wives. An anti-Mormon law forbidding bigamy was passed by Congress, and Reynolds was prosecuted. He claimed that his religious belief overrode federal laws and that the law was unconstitutional. The Court ruled that "freedom of religion means freedom to hold an opinion or belief, but not to take action…subversive to good order."

Roe v. Wade, 1973

(9th Amendment, right to privacy) A Texas woman challenged a State law forbidding the artificial termination of a pregnancy, saying that she "had a fundamental right to privacy." The Court upheld a woman's right to choose in this case, noting that the State's "important and legitimate interest in protecting the potentiality of human life" became "compelling" at the end of the first trimester, and that before then "...the attending physician, in consultation with his patient, is free to determine, without regulation by the State, that...the patient's pregnancy should be terminated." The decision struck down State regulation of abortion in the first three months of pregnancy and was modified by Webster, 1989.

Rostker v. Goldberg, 1981

Decision: The Court did not support the challenge, observing that "the purpose of registration was to prepare for draft of combat troops" and that "Congress and the Executive have decided that women should not serve in combat." Since the matter of using women in combat had received considerable attention in Con-

gress, with debates, hearings, and committee actions, the Court agreed that Congress did not act unthinkingly or reflexively.

Roth v. United States, 1957

(1st Amendment, freedom of the press) A New York man named Roth operated a business that used the mail to invite people to buy materials considered obscene by postal inspectors. The Court, in its first consideration of censorship of obscenity, created the "prevailing community standards" rule, which required a consideration of the work as a whole. In its decision, the Court defined as obscene that which offended "the average person, applying contemporary community standards." In a case decided the same day, the Court applied the same "test" to State obscenity laws.

Schenck v. United States, 1919

(1st Amendment, freedom of speech) Charles Schenck was an officer of an antiwar political group who was arrested for alleged violations of the Espionage Act of 1917, which made active opposition to the war a crime. He had urged thousands of young men called to service by the draft act to resist and to avoid induction. The Court limited free speech in time of war, stating that Schenck's words, under the circumstances, presented a "clear and present danger...." Although later decisions modified the decision, the Schenck case created a precedent that 1st Amendment guarantees were not absolute.

School District of Abington Township, Pennsylvania v. Schempp, 1963

(1st Amendment, Establishment Clause) A Pennsylvania State law required reading from the Bible each day at school as an all-school activity. Some parents objected and sought legal remedy. When the case reached the Court, it agreed with the parents, saying that the Establishment Clause and Free Exercise Clause both forbade States from engaging in religious activity. The Court created a rule holding that if the purpose and effect of a law "is the advancement or inhibition of religion," it "exceeds the scope of legislative power."

South Dakota v. Dole, 1986

Decision: The Court upheld the right of the National Government to limit highway funds to States that did not qualify under the rules of "entitlement." All States that wished to continue to receive full federal highway aid were required to raise the legal age to purchase and consume alcohol to 21 years. In recent years the Federal Government has attached similar strings to federal aid in a number of instances, including mandating maximum speed limits on interstate highways.

Texas v. Johnson, 1989

(1st Amendment, freedom of speech) Dousing with kerosene and burning a U.S. flag taken from the flagpole at the 1984 Republican National Convention in Dallas, Gregory Johnson led a protest against national

policies outside the convention center. He was arrested and convicted under a Texas law prohibiting the desecration of the Texas and United States flags. Johnson's conviction was overturned in the highest criminal court in Texas, and the State appealed. The Court ruled the Texas law placed an unconstitutional limit on "freedom of expression," noting that "...nothing in our precedents suggests that a state may foster its own view of the flag by prohibiting expressive conduct relating to it."

Thompson v. Oklahoma, 1988

(8th Amendment, capital punishment) An Oklahoma youth was 15 years old when he committed a capital murder. At age 16 he was sentenced to death for the slaying. In hearing an appeal of the case, the Court overturned the death sentence, holding that "[t]he Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments prohibit the execution of a person who was under 16 years of age at the time of his or her offense." A death penalty was cruel and unusual punishment for a 15 year old.

Tinker v. Des Moines Public Schools, 1969

Decision: The Court agreed with the Tinkers, upholding students' 1st Amendment rights, noting that students do not abandon their civil rights "at the schoolhouse gate..." and that the wearing of black armbands was "...silent, passive expression of opinion...." Schools would need to show evidence of the possibility of "substantial disruption" before free speech could be limited at school.

United States v. Nixon, 1974

Decision: The Court overruled the President and ordered him to surrender the tapes, thereby limiting executive privilege. The President's "generalized interest in confidentiality..." was subordinate to "the fundamental demands of due process of law in the fair administration of criminal justice."

Walz v. Tax Commission of the City of New York, 1970

(1st Amendment, Establishment Clause) State and local governments routinely exempt church property from taxes. Walz claimed that such exemptions were a "support of religion," a subsidy by government. The Court disagreed, noting that such exemptions were just an example of a "benevolent neutrality" between government and churches, not a support of religion. Governments must avoid taxing churches, because taxation would give government a "control" over religion, prohibited by the "wall of separation of church and state" noted in Everson, 1947.

Webster v. Reproductive Health Services, 1989

(9th Amendment, right to privacy) A 1986 Missouri law stated that (1) life began at conception, (2) unborn children have rights, (3) public funds could not be used for abortions not necessary to save the life of the mother, and (4) public funds could not be used for abortion counseling. Health care providers in Missouri filed suit, challenging the law, claiming it was in conflict

with Roe, 1973 and intruded into "privacy questions." A 5–4 Court upheld the Missouri law, stating that the people of Missouri, through their legislature, could put limits on the use of public funds. The Webster decision narrowed the protection of Roe.

Weeks v. United States, 1914

(4th Amendment, illegal evidence) A search without proper warrant was made in San Francisco and evidence was used by a postal inspector to prosecute Mr. Weeks. Weeks claimed that the evidence was gained by an illegal search, and thus was inadmissible. The Court agreed, applying for the first time an "exclusionary rule" for illegally gained evidence in federal courts. The decision stated "...if letters and private documents can thus be seized and used as evidence...his right to be secure against such searches...is of no value, and...might as well be stricken from the Constitution." See also Mapp v. Ohio, 1961; Massachusetts v. Sheppard, 1984; and Nix v.Williams, 1984.

West Virginia Board of Education v. Barnette, 1943

Decision: The Court held that a compulsory flag salute violated the 1st Amendment's exercise of religion clause and was, therefore, unconstitutional. "...no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion..."

Westside Community Schools v. Mergens, 1990

(1st Amendment, Establishment Clause) A request by Bridget Mergens to form a student Christian religious group at school was denied by an Omaha high school principal. Mergens took legal action, claiming that a 1984 federal law required "equal access" for student religious groups. The Court ordered the school to permit the club, stating, "a high school does not have to permit any extracurricular activities, but when it does, the school is bound by the...Act of 1984. Allowing students to meet on campus and discuss religion is constitutional because it does not amount to a 'State sponsorship of a religion."

Wisconsin v. Yoder, 1972

(1st Amendment, Free Exercise Clause) Members of the Amish religious sect in Wisconsin objected to sending their children to public schools after the eighth grade, claiming that such exposure of the children to another culture would endanger the group's self-sufficient agrarian lifestyle essential to their religious faith. The Court agreed with the Amish, while noting that the Court must move carefully to weigh the State's "legitimate social concern when faced with religious claim for exemption from generally applicable educational requirements."



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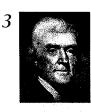


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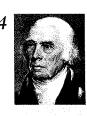
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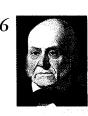
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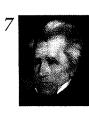
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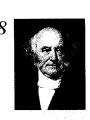
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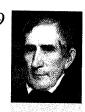
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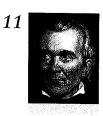
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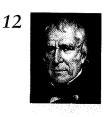
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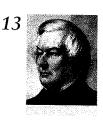
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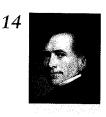
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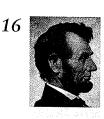
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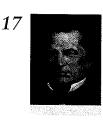
Franklin Pierce (1804–1869) Years in office: 1853–1857 Democrat Elected from: New Hampshire Vice Pres.: William King



James Buchanan (1791–1868) Years in office: 1857–1861 Democrat Elected from: Pennsylvania Vice Pres.: John Breckinridge



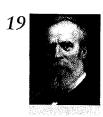
Abraham Lincoln**
(1809–1865)
Years in office: 1861–1865
Republican
Elected from: Illinois
Vice Pres.: Hannibal Hamlin,
Andrew Johnson



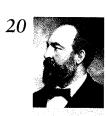
Andrew Johnson (1808–1875) Years in office: 1865–1869 Republican Elected from: Tennessee Vice Pres.: none



Ulysses S. Grant (1822–1885) Years in office: 1869–1877 Republican Elected from: Illinois Vice Pres.: Schuyler Colfax, Henry Wilson



Rutherford B. Hayes (1822–1893) Years in office: 1877–1881 Republican Elected from: Ohio Vice Pres.: William Wheeler



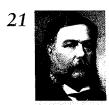
James A. Garfield**
(1831–1881)

Years in office: 1881

Republican

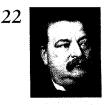
Elected from: Ohio

Vice Pres.: Chester A. Arthur



Chester A. Arthur (1830–1886) Years in office: 1881–1885 Republican Elected from: New York

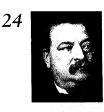
Vice Pres.: none



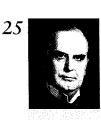
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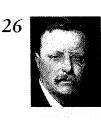
Benjamin Harrison (1833–1901) Years in office: 1889–1893 Republican Elected from: Indiana Vice Pres.: Levi Morton



Grover Cleveland (1837–1908) Years in office: 1893–1897 Democrat Elected from: New York Vice Pres.: Adlai Stevenson



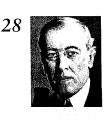
William McKinley**
(1843–1901)
Years in office: 1897–1901
Republican
Elected from: Ohio
Vice Pres.: Garret Hobart,
Theodore Roosevelt



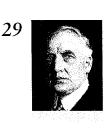
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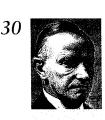
William Howard Taft (1857–1930) Years in office: 1909–1913 Republican Elected from: Ohio Vice Pres.: James Sherman



Woodrow Wilson (1856–1924) Years in office: 1913–1921 Democrat Elected from: New Jersey Vice Pres.: Thomas Marshall



Warren G. Harding*
(1865–1923)
Years in office: 1921–1923
Republican
Elected from: Ohio
Vice Pres.: Calvin Coolidge



Calvin Coolidge (1872–1933) Years in office: 1923–1929 Republican Elected from: Massachusetts Vice Pres.: Charles Dawes



Herbert C. Hoover (1874–1964) Years in office: 1929–1933 Republican Elected from: New York Vice Pres.: Charles Curtis



Franklin D. Roosevelt*
(1882–1945)
Years in office: 1933–1945
Democrat
Elected from: New York
Vice Pres.: John Garner, Henry
Wallace, Harry S. Truman



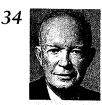


Harry S. Truman (1884–1972)

Years in office: 1945-1953

Democrat

Elected from: Missouri Vice Pres.: Alben Barkley



Dwight D. Eisenhower

(1890 - 1969)

Years in office: 1953-1961

Republican

Elected from: New York
Vice Pres.: Richard M. Nixon





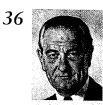
John F. Kennedy**

(1917-1963)

Years in office: 1961-1963

Democrat

Elected from: Massachusetts Vice Pres.: Lyndon B. Johnson



Lyndon B. Johnson

(1908-1973)

Years in office: 1963-1969

Democrat

Elected from: Texas

Vice Pres.: Hubert Humphrey

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Richard M. Nixon***

(1913-1994)

Years in office: 1969-1974

Republican

Elected from: New York Vice Pres.: Spiro Agnew,

Gerald R. Ford

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Gerald R. Ford

(1913-)

Years in office: 1974-1977

Republican

Elected from: Michigan

Vice Pres.: Nelson Rockefeller

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Jimmy Carter

(1924-)

Years in office: 1977-1981

Democrat

Elected from: Georgia

Vice Pres.: Walter F. Mondale

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Ronald W. Reagan

(1911 -)

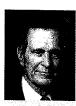
Years in office: 1981-1989

Republican

Elected from: California

Vice Pres.: George H.W. Bush

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George H.W. Bush

(1924 -)

Years in office: 1989-1993

Republican

Elected from: Texas

Vice Pres.: J. Danforth Quayle

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William J. Clinton

(1946-)

Years in office: 1993-2000

Democrat

Elected from: Arkansas Vice Pres.: Albert Gore, Jr.

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George W. Bush

(1946-)

Years in office: 2001-

Republican

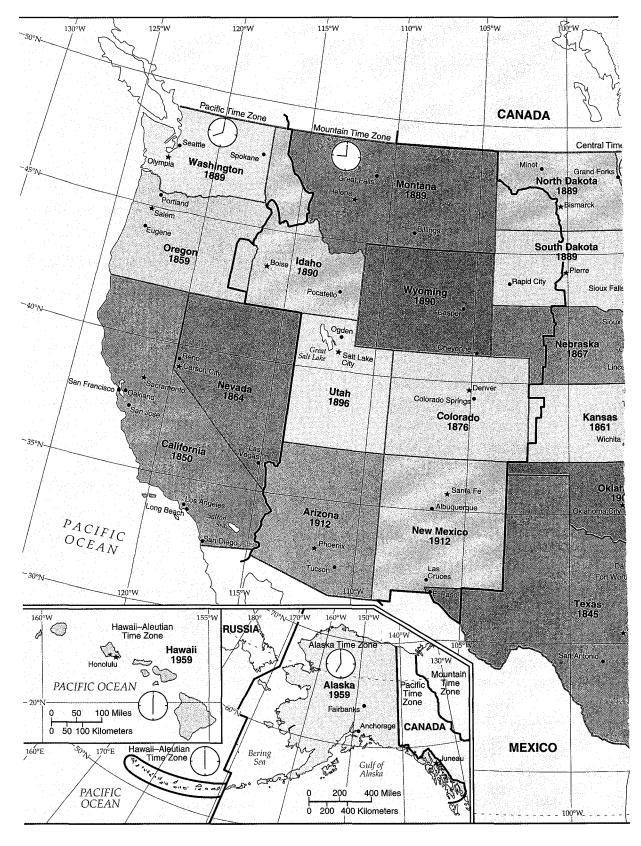
Elected from: Texas

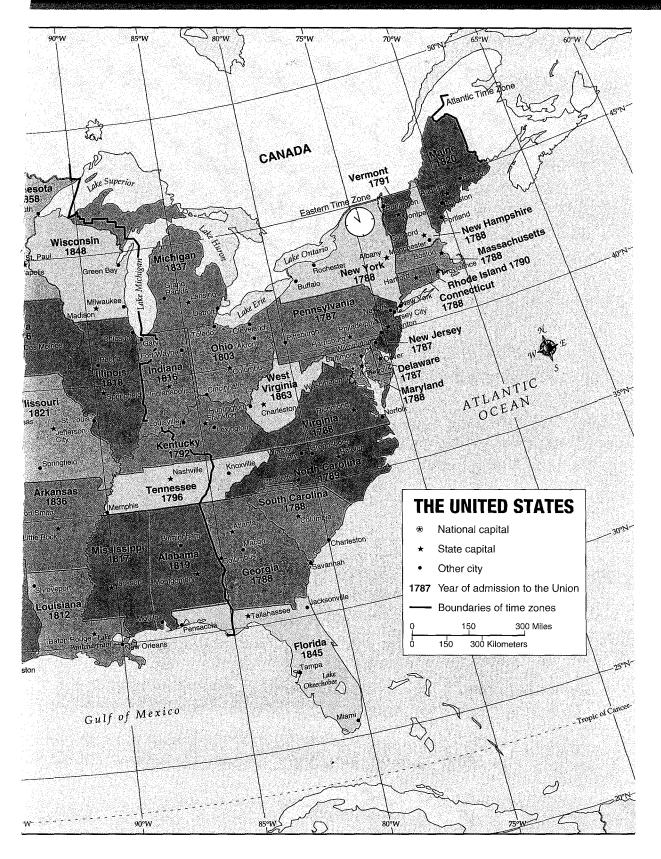
Vice Pres.: Richard Cheney

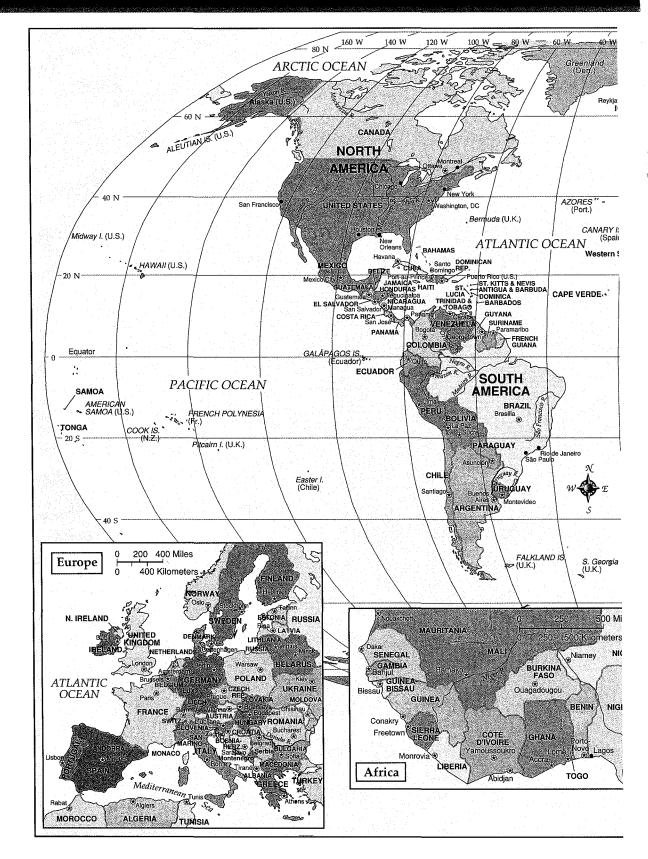
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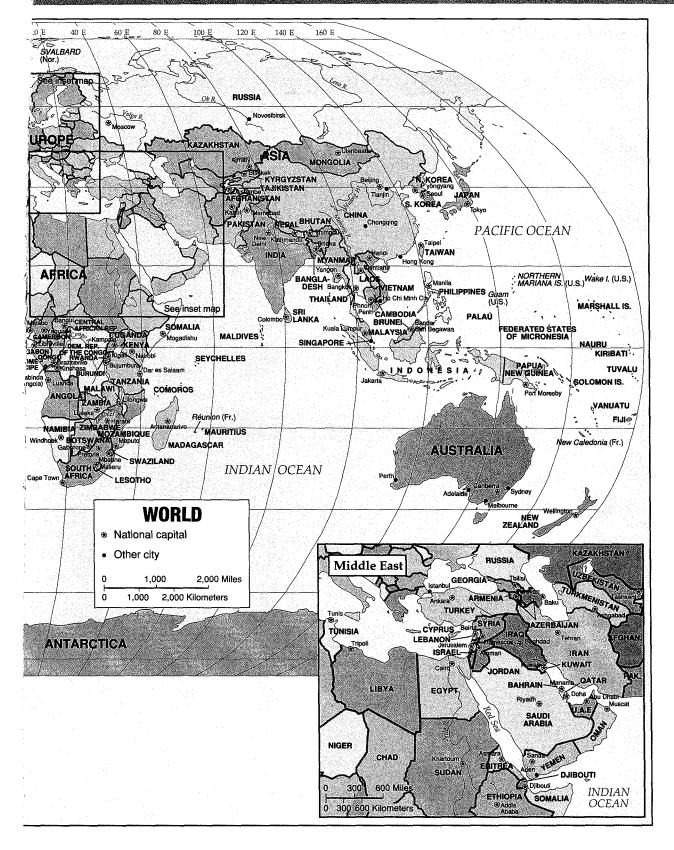
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***Resigned









Profile of the Fifty States

State	Capital	Entered Union	Population (2000)	Population Rank	Land Area (Square Miles)	Land Area Rank
Alabama	Montgomery	1819	4,447,100	23rd	51,705	29th
Alaska	Juneau	1959	626,932	48th	591,004	1st
Arizona	Phoenix	1912	5,130,632	20th	114,000	6th
Arkansas	Little Rock	1836	2,673,400	33rd	53,187	27th
California	Sacramento	1850	33,871,648	1st	158,706	3rd
Colorado	Denver	1876	4,301,261	24th	104,091	8th
Connecticut	Hartford	1788	3,405,565	28th	5,018	48th
Delaware	Dover	1787	783,600	45th	2,044	49th
Florida	Tallahassee	1845	15,982,378	4th	58,664	22nd
Georgia	Atlanta	1788	8,186,453	10th	58,910	21st
Hawaii	Honolulu	1959	1,211,537	42nd	6,470	47th
ldaho	Boise	1890	1,293,953	39th	83,564	13th
Illinois	Springfield	1818	12,419,293	5th	56,345	24th
Indiana	Indianapolis	1816	6,080,485	14th	36,185	38th
lowa	Des Moines	1846	2,926,324	30th	56,275	25th
Kansas	Topeka	1861	2,688,418	32nd	82,277	14th
Kentucky	Frankfort	1792	4,041,769	25th	40,409	37th
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	1812	4,468,976	22nd	47,751	31st
Maine	Augusta	1820	1,274,923	40th	33,265	39th
Maryland	Annapolis	1788	5,296,486	19th	10,460	42nd
Massachusetts	Boston	1788	6,349,097	13th	8,284	45th
Michigan	Lansing	1837	9,938,444	8th	58,527	23rd
Minnesota	St. Paul	1858	4,919,479	21st	84,402	12th
Mississippi	Jackson	1817	2,844,658	31st	47,689	32nd
Missouri	Jefferson City	1821	5,595,211	17th	69,697	19th
Montana	Helena	1889	902,195	44th	147,046	4th
Nebraska	Lincoln	1867	1,711,263	37th	77,355	15th
Nevada	Carson City	1864	1,998,257	35th	110,561	7th
New Hampshire	Concord	1788	1,235,786	41st	9,279	44th
New Jersey	Trenton	1787	8,414,350	9th	7,787	46th
New Mexico	Santa Fe	1912	1,819,046	36th	121,593	5th
New York	Albany	1788	18,976,457	3rd	49,108	30th
North Carolina	Raleigh	1789	8,049,313	11th	52,669	28th
North Dakota	Bismarck	1889	642,200	47th	70,703	17th
Ohio	Columbus	1803	11,353,140	7th	41,330	35th
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	1907	3,450,654	27th	69,956	18th
Oregon	Salem	1859	3,421,399	29th	97,073	10th
Pennsylvania	Harrisburg	1787	12,281,054	6th	45,308	33rd
Rhode Island	Providence	1790	1,048,319	43rd	1,212	50th
South Carolina	Columbia	1788	4,012,012	26th	31,113	40th
South Dakota	Pierre	1889	754,844	46th	77,116	16th
Tennessee	Nashville	1796	5,689,283	16th	42,144	34th
Texas	Austin	1845	20,851,820	2nd	266,807	2nd
Utah	Salt Lake City	1896	2,233,169	34th	84,899	11th
Vermont	Montpelier	1791	608,827	49th	9,614	43rd
Virginia	Richmond	1788	7,078,515	12th	40,767	36th
Washington	Olympia	1889	5,894,121	15th	68,138	20th
West Virginia	Charleston	1863	1,808,344	38th	24,231	41st
Wisconsin	Madison	1848	5,363,675	18th	56,153	26th
Wyoming	Cheyenne	1890	493,782	50th	97,809	9th

Sources: World Almanac, Statistical Abstract of the United States, U.S. Census Bureau

Glossary

This glossary defines all key terms. The page number given after each definition refers to the text page on which the term appears in blue.

Pronunciation Key

Certain glossary terms and other words have been respelled in the text and in this glossary as an aid to pronunication. The term *entrepreneur*, for example, has been respelled AHN-truh-preh-NOOR. The small capital letters mean that the first syllable should be spoken with a minor stress. The large capital letters mean that the last syllable should be spoken with a major stress. The vowel sounds shown by the letters *ah*, *uh*, *eh*, and *oo* in the respelling correspond to the vowel sounds in the pronunciation key below.

Pronounce	as in	Pronounce	as in
a	hat	j	jet
ah	father	ng	ring
ar	tar	O	frog
ay	say	ō, oh	no
ayr	air	00	soon
e, eh	hen	or	for
ee	bee	ow	plow
eer	deer	oy	boy
er	her	sh	she
ew	new	th	thick
g	go	u, uh	sun
g i, ih	him	z	zebra
ī	kite	zh	measure

Δ

administration A team of executive branch officials appointed by each President (page 201)

affirmative action Steps to counteract effects of past racial discrimination and discrimination against women (page 161)

aggression An attack or threat of attack by another country (page 543)

alien A citizen of one country who lives in another country (page 46)

alliance A group of nations that have agreed to help or protect each other (page 529)

ambassadors Official representatives to foreign countries (page 198)

amendments Changes to the Constitution (p. 102) answer The defendant's written response to a complaint (page 437)

appeal To ask a higher court to review a decision and determine if justice was done (page 221)

appellate jurisdiction (a-PEL-et JOO-ris-DIK-shun) A court's authority to hear an appeal of a decision by another court (page 221)

apportioned Divided among districts (page 248) arbitration The use of a third person to make a legal decision that is binding on all parties (page 440) arraignment (uh-RAIN-ment) A court hearing in which the defendant is formally charged with a crime and enters a plea of guilty or not guilty (page 418)

В

bail Money that a defendant gives the court as a kind of promise that he or she will return for trial (page 418)

beliefs Certain ideas that people trust are true (page 15)

bias A favoring of one point of view (page 482) bicameral (bī-KAM-er-uhl) Two-house, as in a legislature with two houses (page 93)

bill A proposed law (page 175)

board A group of people who manage the business of an organization (page 264)

bonds Certificates that people buy from the government, which agrees to pay back the cost of the bond, plus interest, after a set period of time (page 250)

boycott To refuse to buy a certain company's products (page 320)

budget A plan for raising and spending money (page 180)

bureaucracy (byoo-RAH-kru-see) An organization of government departments, agencies, and offices (page 201)

business cycle A repeated series of "ups" of growth and "downs" of recession (page 354)

C

Cabinet An important group of policy advisors to the President, made up of the executive department heads and a few other officials (page 203) candidate A person running for office (page 53) canvass To go door-to-door handing out political information and asking people which candidate they support (page 458)

capital Anything produced in an economy that is saved to be used to produce other goods and services (page 289)

capitalism Another name for market economy; a system in which people make their own decisions about how to save resources as capital and how to use their capital to produce goods and services (page 300)

caucus (KAW-kus) meeting of party leaders to discuss issues or choose candidates (page 466)

census An official count of the population made every ten years to find out how many representatives each state should have (page 177)

charter A document giving permission to create a government (page 70)

checks and balances The system that gives each of the three branches of government ways to limit the powers of the other two (page 105)

citizen A person with certain rights and duties under a government; a person who by birth or by choice owes allegiance, or loyalty, to a nation (page 46)

civil disobedience Breaking a law because it goes against personal morals (page 395)

civil law The group of laws that help settle disagreements between people (page 400)

closed primary A primary election in which a voter must be registered as a member of a party and may vote only for candidates of that party (page 466)

cloture (KLŌ-chur) Agreement to end the debate on a bill in the Senate (page 187)

Cold War A struggle between the superpowers, much like a real war but with no armed battles (page 529)

collective bargaining The process by which representatives of a union and of a business discuss and reach agreement about wages and working conditions (page 320)

colony A territory ruled by a more powerful nation called a colonial power (page 523)

command economy An economic system in which the government or a central authority owns or controls the factors of production and makes the basic economic decisions (page 298) common good, the The well-being of all members of society (page 51)

common law A body of law based on judges' decisions (page 396)

communism A system under which the government owns all land, businesses, and resources (page 528) compact A written agreement to make and obey laws for the welfare of the group (page 80)

compensation Being "made whole" for harm caused by another person's acts (page 432)

complaint A legal document that charges someone with having caused harm (page 436)

concurrent powers The powers shared by the federal and state governments (page 104)

congressional district The area that a member of the House represents (page 177)

constituents The people a member of Congress represents (page 174)

constitution A plan of government (page 80)

constitutional initiative A process in which citizens can propose an amendment by gathering a required number of signatures on a petition (page 244)

consumer A person who uses, or consumes, goods and services to satisfy his or her wants (page 35) consumption The act of buying or using goods or services (page 290)

containment A policy of using military power and money to prevent the spread of communism (page 553)

contracts Legal agreements between buyers and sellers (page 434)

corporation A business that is separate from the people who own it and legally acts as a single person (page 316)

crime Any behavior that is illegal because the government considers it harmful to society (page 399) criminal law The group of laws that tell which acts are crimes, how accused persons should be tried in court, and how crimes should be punished (page 399) currency The coins and paper bills used as money in an economy (page 329)

ח

damages Money that is paid in an effort to compensate, or make up, for a loss (page 432) defendant The party who answers a complaint and defends against it in a court case (page 219)

deficit The amount by which government spending is greater than government income (page 359)

deforestation Cutting and burning forests to clear land for farms and cattle grazing (page 566)

delegated powers The powers given to Congress rather than to the states (page 101)

delinquent A juvenile who is found guilty of a crime (page 424)

demand The amounts of a product or service buyers are willing and able to buy at different prices (page 310)

demand deposit The money in a checking account (page 332)

democracy A system of government in which the power is shared by all the people (page 38)

deposition The record of answers to questions asked of a witness in person before a trial (page 437)

détente (day-TAHNT) A lessening of tensions between the superpowers (page 529)

deterrence Keeping a strong defense to discourage aggression by other nations (page 543)

dictatorship A government controlled by one person, called a dictator, who usually takes power by force, rather than by inheriting it (page 38)

diplomacy The relations and communications carried out between countries (page 544)

direct democracy A form of government in which laws are made directly by the citizens (page 75)

direct mail A way of sending messages to large groups of people through the mail (page 479)

direct primary An election in which members of a political party choose candidates to run for office in the name of the party (page 466)

discovery The process of gathering evidence before a trial (page 437)

discrimination The unfair treatment of a group of people. (page 10)

disposable income. The amount of money left after taxes have been paid (page 369)

diversity Differences (page 7)

dividends Payments from the profits of companies in which a person owns stock (page 369)

domestic policy Plans for dealing with national problems (page 199)

double jeopardy Being placed on trial twice for the same crime (page 139)

due process of law A process by which the government must treat accused persons fairly according to rules established by law (page 137)

Ε

economy A system for producing and distributing goods and services to fulfill people's wants (page 35) eminent domain (EM-ih-nehnt do-MAYN) The power of the government to take private property for public use (page 137)

entrepreneur (AHN-truh-preh-NOOR) A person who starts a business (page 313)

equality The condition of everyone having the same rights and opportunities (page 16)

equity The use of general rules of fairness to settle conflicts in a civil court case (page 433)

excise tax (EK-sīz taks) A charge on certain goods, such as alcoholic beverages, gasoline, and tobacco (page 249)

executive agreements Agreements with other countries that do not need Senate approval (page 198) executive branch The branch of government responsible for executing or enforcing the laws (page 196) executive orders Rules or regulations that executive branch employees must follow (page 198) executive privilege The President's right to keep some information secret from Congress and the

executive privilege The President's right to keep some information secret from Congress and the courts (page 209)

F

factors of production The resources people have for producing goods and services to satisfy their wants (page 289)

federalism The division of power between the states and the federal, or national, government (page 104) felony A crime for which the penalty is imprisonment for more than one year, a fine, or a combination of both. Felonies include crimes such as kidnapping and murder. (page 400)

filibuster (FIL-ih-BUS-ter) The use of long speeches to prevent a vote on a bill in the Senate (page 187)

fiscal policy A government's decisions about the amount of money it spends and the amount it collects in taxes (page 355)

fixed expenses Expenses that remain the same from month to month (page 370)

floor leaders Officers who guide through Congress the bills that their party supports (page 183)

foreign aid A program of giving military and economic help to other nations (page 544)

foreign policy Plans for guiding our nation's relationships with other countries (page 198)

free enterprise The system in which individuals in a market economy are free to undertake economic activities with little or no control by the government (page 300)

freedom The ability to say what you want, go where you want, and do what you want (page 17) fringe benefits Indirect payments for work (page 369)

G

general election An election in which voters make final decisions about candidates and issues (page 474) goods Physical products, such as food and clothing (page 35)

gross domestic product (GDP) The total dollar value of all final goods and services produced and sold in the country in a year (page 357)

H

heritage The traditions passed down from generation to generation (page 70)

home rule The right of a city or county to choose its own form of government (page 275)

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immigrants People who move from one country to make their homes in another. (page 8)

impeach To accuse the President or other high government officials of serious wrongdoing (page 105)

income tax A tax on what individuals and businesses earn (page 249)

incumbent Someone who already holds the office for which he or she is running (page 487)

independent voters People who say they do not support a political party (page 465)

indictment A formal charge against a person accused of a crime (page 418)

inflation A general rise in the prices of goods and services throughout the economy (page 341)

initiative The process by which citizens can propose laws (page 248)

injunction A civil court order to do or not do a certain act (page 433)

insurance A plan by which a company gives protection from the cost of injury or loss (page 376)

intelligence Information about another nation and what its government plans to do (page 546)

interest Payment for the use of capital (page 309)

interest groups Groups of people who work together for similar interests or goals (page 176)

intergovernmental revenue Money given by one level of government to another (page 272)

invest To use money to help a business get started or grow, with the hope that the business will earn a profit (page 299)

isolationism A foreign policy that seeks to limit our relations with other countries as much as possible (page 551)

issue A point of conflict or a matter to be debated (page 496)

item veto A state governor's power to reject particular parts, or items, of a bill (page 252)

j

judicial activism An effort by judges to take an active role in policymaking by overturning laws relatively often (page 229)

judicial restraint An effort by judges to avoid overturning laws and to leave policymaking up to the other two branches of government (page 229)

judicial review The Supreme Court's power to overturn any law that it decides is in conflict with the Constitution (page 225)

jury of peers A group of ordinary citizens who hear a court case and decide whether the accused person is innocent or guilty (page 50)

justice Fairness; the idea that every person deserves to be treated fairly (page 18)

L

labor unions Organizations of workers that seek to improve wages and working conditions and to protect members' rights (page 319)

laws Rules of society that are enforced by governments (page 392)

lawsuits Cases in which a court is asked to settle a dispute (page 432)

legal code A written collection of laws, often organized by subject (page 397)

legislature A group of people chosen to make laws (page 70)

liability insurance Insurance that protects a person from the costs of damage or injury to others (page 377)

liquidity (li-KWID-i-tee) The ability to turn savings back into cash (page 375)

loan An amount of money borrowed for a certain time period (page 333)

lobbyists People who represent interest groups (page 176)

M

majority party The political party with more members in the House or Senate (page 183)

market A place or situation in which an exchange of goods or services takes place, such as stores, shops, or stock exchanges (page 35)

market economy An economic system in which private individuals own the factors of production and are free to make their own choices about production, distribution, and consumption (page 298)

market price The price at which buyers and sellers agree to trade (page 311)

media Television, radio, newspapers and magazines (page 479)

mediation A process by which people agree to use a third party to help them settle a conflict out of court (page 440)

minority party The political party with fewer members in the House or Senate (page 183)

misdemeanor A crime for which the penalty is a jail sentence of not more than one year, a fine, or a combination of both. Littering and driving without a license are examples of misdemeanors. (page 400)

mixed economy An economy that is a mixture of the characteristics of two or more of the three basic systems (page 300)

monarchy A form of government in which all or most of the power is in the hands of one individual, the monarch. The monarch's authority is hereditary. (page 38)

monetary policy Regulation of the money supply by the Federal Reserve System (page 354)

money Anything that is generally accepted as payment for a good or service (page 36)

monopoly A single business with the power to control prices in a market (page 350)

morals Beliefs about what is fair and what is right or wrong (page 394)

municipality A government that serves people who live in an urban area (page 266)

N

national debt The total amount of money the government owes to lenders (page 360)

nationalism A feeling of pride in shared history and loyalty to a nation, which is shared by its citizens (page 523)

natural rights Rights that people are born with and that no government can take away, such as the rights to life, liberty, and property (page 76)

naturalized To have gone through the process of becoming a citizen. Naturalization is a process which applies to a person not born a citizen of the United States. (page 46)

neutrality A policy of not taking sides in wars between other nations (page 552)

nominate To name candidates to run for public office (page 457)

nonrenewable resource A resource that cannot be replaced once it has been used (page 564)

o

open primary A primary election in which voters do not need to declare a party before voting, but may vote for the candidates of only one party (page 466) opportunity cost The benefit given up when scarce

opportunity cost The benefit given up when scarce resources are used for one purpose instead of the next best purpose (page 292)

ordinances Local laws (page 264)

original jurisdiction A court's authority to hear a case first (page 220)

P

parole Letting an inmate go free to serve the rest of his or her sentence outside of prison (page 421)

partnership A type of business in which two or more people share ownership (page 315)

patronage (PAY-truh-nij) The system in which party leaders do favors for loyal supporters of the party (page 465)

plaintiff An individual or a group of people who bring a complaint against another party in a civil case (page 219)

planks Position statements on each specific issue in a party's platform (page 457)

platform A statement of a party's official stand on major public issues (page 457)

plea bargaining Agreeing to plead guilty in exchange for a lesser charge or a lighter sentence (page 419) pocket veto A way in which the President can veto a bill by pocketing, or keeping, the bill for ten days, during which Congress ends its session (page 186) policy A plan of action designed to achieve a certain goal (page 174)

political party An organization of citizens who wish to influence and control government by getting their members elected to office (page 456)

precedent A guideline for how all similar court cases should be decided in the future (page 220)

precincts Voting districts (page 464)

president pro tempore (pro TEM-puh-REE) An officer who presides over the Senate when the Vice–President is absent. [Also known as president pro tem.] (page 183)

price The amount a person must pay for a good or service (page 36)

probable cause A good reason to believe that a suspect has been involved in a crime (page 417)

probation A kind of sentence in which a person goes free but must be under the supervision of a court official called a probation officer (page 426)

profit The difference between what it costs to produce something and the price the buyer pays for it (page 299)

propaganda A message that is meant to influence people's ideas, opinions, or actions in a certain way (page 481)

property tax A tax on land and buildings (page 272) prosecution A government body that brings a charge against a defendant who is accused of breaking one of its laws (page 219)

public assistance Government programs that give help to people in need (page 243)

public policy Government response to public issues (page 497)

R

racism The belief that members of one's own race are superior to those of other races (page 11)

ratification Approval, as in approval of an amendment to the Constitution (page 82)

recall A process for removing elected officials from office (page 248)

recession A slowdown in economic activity and production (page 341)

referendum The process by which a law proposed or passed by a state legislature is referred to the voters to approve or reject (page 248)

registration Signing up to be a voter (page 474) renewable resource A resource that can be replaced after being used (page 564)

rent Payment for the use of land (page 309) representatives People who are chosen to speak and act for their fellow citizens in government (page 47)

republic A government in which citizens elect representatives to make laws (page 75)

reserved powers Those powers that the Constitution neither gives to Congress nor denies to the states (page 104)

revenue Income (page 249)

rule of law The concept of a government of laws (page 49)

rules Specific expectations about what our behavior should be (page 26)

S

sales taxes Charges on purchases of goods and services, usually a percentage of the price (page 249) sanctions Measures to stop or limit trade with another nation in order to change its behavior (page 545)

scarcity The problem that resources are always limited in comparison with the number and variety of wants people have (page 292)

segregation Separation, as in separation of one racial group from another (page 159)

self-nomination Declaring that you are running for office (page 466)

separation of church and state The situation in which government may not favor any religion or establish an official state religion (page 134)

separation of powers Dividing government power among legislative, executive, and judicial branches (page 76)

services Work that you will pay to have done, such as cleaning or repair work (page 35)

small claims court A civil court that people may use when the amount of money they want to recover is small, usually not more than \$1,000 or \$2,000 (page 443)

social institutions Systems of values and rules that determine how our society is organized. Five major institutions in our society are the family, religion, education, the economy, and government. (page 28) social roles Roles people play in real life, such as mother, husband, worker, friend, or consumer (page 55)

socialization (soh-shul-i-ZAY-shun) The process of learning how to participate in a group; learning to accept the values in a group and learning the rules for behavior within it (page 27)

sole proprietorship A business owned by an individual (page 315)

sovereignty A nation's power to make and carry out laws within its borders (page 522)

Speaker of the House The presiding officer of the House of Representatives (page 183)

split ticket The practice of voting for candidates of more than one party on the same ballot (page 465) standard of living The number and kinds of goods and services people can have (page 524)

status offender A youth who is judged to be beyond the control of his or her parents or guardian (page 424)

statutes Written laws made by legislatures (page 396)

stock Shares of ownership in a corporation (page 315)

straight ticket The practice of voting for the candidates of only one party (page 465)

strike The situation in which workers refuse to work unless employers meet certain demands (page 320)

subpoena A court order to produce a witness or document (page 437)

suffrage The right to vote (page 155)

summit meeting A meeting at which the President talks about important issues with heads of other governments (page 544)

supply Amounts of a product that producers are willing to offer at different prices (page 310)

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terrorism The use or threat of violence to spread fear, usually for the purpose of reaching political goals (page 567)

time deposit A savings plan with a set length of time that money must be kept in the account and a penalty for withdrawing early (page 375)

traditional economy An economic system in which the basic economic decisions are made according to long-established ways of behaving that are unlikely to change (page 297)

treaties Formal agreements with other countries (page 198)

trust A group of several companies organized to benefit from the high prices they all agree to charge (page 350)

tyranny Abuse of power (page 74)

U

utilities Services needed by the public, such as water, gas, and electricity (page 268)

V

values Standards of behavior; guidelines for how people should treat each other (page 15) variable expenses Expenses that change from month to month (page 371) veto To reject, as in to reject a bill (page 101)

W

wants Desires for goods and services (page 35) warrant A legal paper, issued by a court, giving police permission to make an arrest, seizure, or search (page 417)

warranty A manufacturer's promise to repair a product if it breaks within a certain time from the date of purchase (page 373)

whips Assistant floor leaders in each house of Congress (page 183)

witnesses People who have seen events or heard conversations related to a court case, or who have special information that may help settle a case (page 50) write-in candidate A candidate who asks voters to write his or her name on the ballot (page 466)

Z

zoning Local rules that divide a community into areas and tell how the land in each area can be used (page 271)

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