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| Word | Definition | Definition in Your Own Words | Sentence, Picture or Example |
| **Estate** | A class of French society |  |  |
| **Suffrage** | the right to vote |  |  |
| **Annex** | to incorporate or add territory to a town or country |  |  |
| **Abolish** | To end |  |  |
| **Radical** | A person who advocates extreme political or social reform |  |  |
| **Revolution** | great political, economic or social change |  |  |
| **Censorship** | the act of deleting or suppressing materials or ideas considered objectionable |  |  |
| **Bourgeoisie** | French middle class made up of merchants and professionals |  |  |
| **Guillotine** | device used to execute by beheading |  |  |
| **Scorched earth policy** | military strategy of destroying anything the enemy would find useful *before* the enemy invades |  |  |
| **Emancipation** | The act of setting free |  |  |
| **Popular Sovereignty** | Doctrine that power of a nation is with the people |  |  |
| **Natural rights** | Theory that people are born with basic rights that cannot be taken away |  |  |
| **Salon** | A room in a city where philosophers, officials, artists and scientists would gather to discuss ideas |  |  |
| **Deficit spending** | when government spends more than it collects in revenue |  |  |
| **Nationalism** | Loyalty or devotion to a nation based on common language, religion, and/or culture |  |  |
| **Act** | A law |  |  |
| **Liberalism** | Political philosophy based on Enlightenment principles; basic rights of people should be protected |  |  |
| **Provisional** | Temporary |  |  |
| **Ratify** | to approve |  |  |
| **Enlightened despot** | Ruler trying to maintain total control but governing with Enlightened principles |  |  |
| **Faction** | a dissenting group |  |  |
| **Coup d’état** | sudden overthrow of a government |  |  |
| **Salutary neglect** | Practice of the King giving little attention to the colonies as long as raw resources were available and markets were profitable |  |  |
| **Conservative** | person whose political philosophy is based on tradition and social stability |  |  |
| **Federalism** | form of government in which the national government shares power with state governments |  |  |
| **Social contract** | Agreement between government and people; people give government authority and in return government protects the rights of people |  |  |
| **Revenue** | Income (money earned) of a government |  |  |
| **Oath** | A promise or a pact |  |  |
| **Colony** | group of people who form a settlement and are ruled by a nation far away |  |  |
| **Moderate** | A person or philosophy that is NOT radical or extreme |  |  |
| **Rationalism** | Philosophy that the main source of knowledge is reason |  |  |
| **Laissez faire** | government noninvolvement in the economy; let it go free |  |  |
| **Ite** | The nature of |  |  |
| **Nat** | To be from |  |  |
| **Lib** | free |  |  |
| **Belli** | war |  |  |
| **Equi** | equal |  |  |
| **Geo** | Earth |  |  |
| **Pop** | People |  |  |
| **Philo** | love |  |  |