

The Youth Museum

America's Pathways to Independence

Vocabulary Study Guide

Amendment - A change made to a law or legal document.

Boycott - To refuse to buy or use something as a way of protesting

Colony - A territory settled by people from another country and controlled by that country

Compromise - An agreement that is reached between people of opposing views

Delegate - Someone who represents other people in a meeting

Export - To send products to another country to be sold there

Import - To bring goods into a country from another country

Independent - Free from the control of other people or things

Legislature - A group of people who have the power to change laws for a country or state

liberty - Freedom

Loyalist - A person who remained loyal to England during the Revolutionary War

Parliament - Law making body for the British government

Patriot - A colonist who was against British rule

Petition - A request for action signed by many people

Port - A harbor where boats and ships can dock or anchor safely

Protest - To object to something strongly and publicly

Ratify - To approve officially

Tax - Money that people must pay to support a government

Treason - The crime of betraying your country

Treaty - A formal agreement between two or more countries