Unit 2 – Vocabulary

* Natural rights – belief all people are born possessing the right to life, liberty & property
* Customs duty – a tax on imports and exports
* Due process – rules requiring courts to follow proper procedures and rules when trying cases
* Inflation – the loss of value of money
* Loyalists – colonists who supported Britain and opposed the War for Independence
* Patriots – American colonists who supported the War for Independence
* Minutemen – civilian soldiers who claimed they were ready to fight at a moment’s notice
* Guerilla warfare – using hit-and-run techniques to fight a war
* Tyranny – government with a ruler who controls with oppressive and cruel power
* Republic – form of government in which power lies in a body of citizens with the right to vote
* Boycott - to stop buying or using goods or services of a certain company or country in protest
* Repeal – to revoke, take back or end a questionable law
* Monarch – one who reigns over a territory with absolute power like a king
* Enlightenment – movement during the 1700’s that promoted science, knowledge & reason
* Salutary neglect – British policy of not enforcing parliamentary laws in the American colonies to allow them to flourish and be attractive to immigrants
* Militia – an army consisting of ordinary citizens and not professional soldiers
* Social Contract Theory – when people give up their sovereignty to the government in exchange for social order
* Grievances – a problem or injustice that results in people complaining and protesting
* Parliament – the highest legislative body responsible for making laws in Great Britain
* Primary document – a source that was written or created at the time or by the individual without any outside interpretation or interference