

GRADE 3, UNIT 4

Massachusetts and the American Revolution



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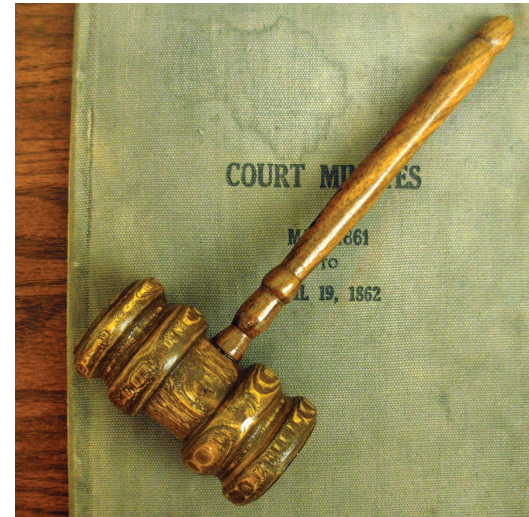


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Unit 3.4 Word Wall Vocabulary Cards

Directions: Print and cut out these vocabulary cards to use on the Word Wall in the classroom.

Word and Definition	Image
law a rule of a community, town, state, tribe, or country	

government

a group of people who run a community, town, state, tribe, or country



protest

to speak or act against
something you think is unfair



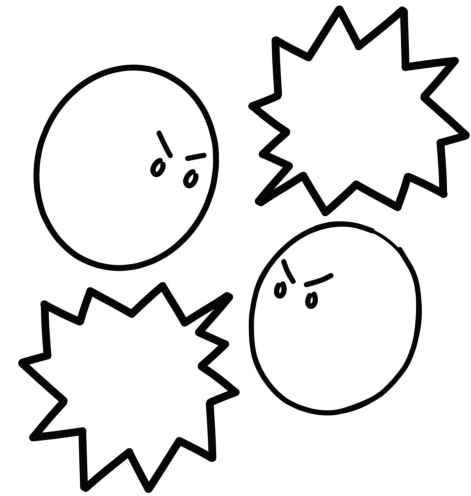
tax

money people have to
pay to the government



conflict

a strong disagreement or
difference of opinion



congress

a meeting of people
who represent a group
or community



militia

a group of citizens
who defend a community



minutemen

members of a militia who
agreed to be ready at a
“minute’s notice”



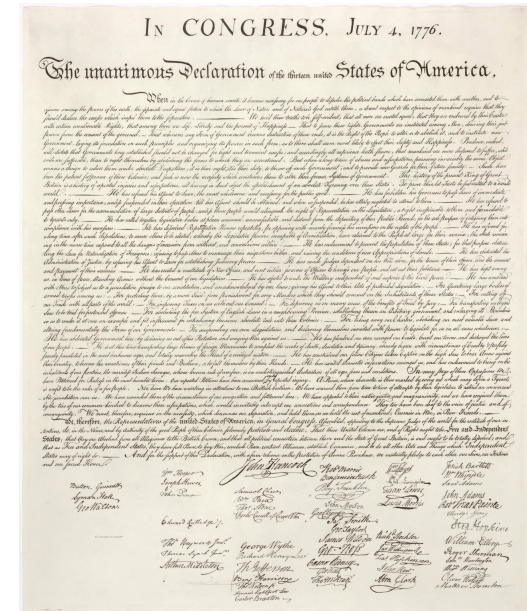
independence

freedom from
the control of others



declaration

an official announcement



constitution

a plan of government
for a state or country

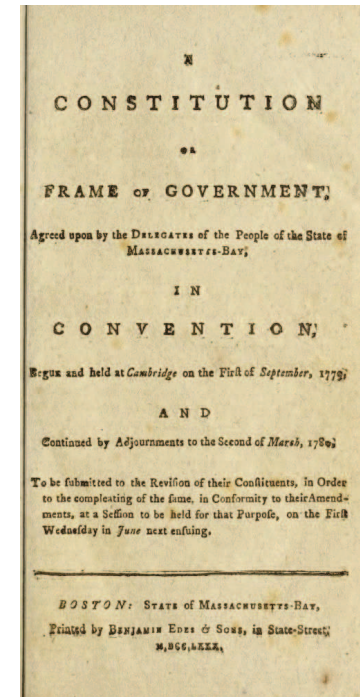


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