**Department: Social Studies Course: US History 2016-2017**

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| **Term, Phrase, or Expression** | **Simple Definition** | **Comprehension Support** |
| amendment | Change or addition to laws of a country |  |
| battle | One fight between 2 armies in a war |  |
| civil war | War between people of the same country | There is currently a civil war in Syria. |
| constitution | Document that describes the basic laws and organization of a government |  |
| dictatorship | Government where the leader has full control and the people have few rights |  |
| freedom | Being able to choose for yourself |  |
| government | Organization of a country under laws and groups of leaders |  |
| industry | Use of factories to make a lot of products using many workers |  |
| law | A rule or order that you must obey. If you break a law, you can go to jail. |  |
| legislature | Part of government that makes laws, sometimes called Congress or Parliament |  |
| plantation | Large farm that grows one crop, often had slaves |  |
| protest | A public complaint against an idea or event |  |
| republic | Government where citizens vote for the leaders |  |
| revolution | a sudden change in government, where the old form of government is replaced with an entirely new type of government |  |
| rights | what the people in a country are allowed to do |  |
| slavery | people are owned for life and forced to work without pay |  |
| state | An area of the country with its own laws. The US has 50 states |  |
| strategy | a careful plan or method to do something |  |
| suffrage | the right to vote |  |
| war | fight between 2 or more armies, for example: World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War |  |