

# Vocabulary-Lesson 5

## Core Vocabulary

**Article V Convention:** a formal meeting of the states to amend the Constitution, as allowed under Article V of the Constitution

**bill:** draft of a proposed law presented to a legislative body for discussion

**joint resolution:** a type of bill that is used for special purposes

**oligarchy:** government by the wealthy; when the rich have authority

**propose:** offer up a bill for consideration and discussion

**ratify/ratification:** approve or adopt a bill into law; final approval or adoption of a bill into law

**wealthy inequality:** a great difference in wealth, opportunity, and treatment

**weasel words:** statements that are misleading or unclear to evade a direct position or statement

## Support Vocabulary

**abridge:** limit

**citizen initiatives:** a type of ballot measure that allows citizens to propose a law or constitutional amendment

**campaign finance regulation:** rules on giving and spending money during election activities, and on reporting donor names

**construe:** interpret to mean

**disclose:** reveal

**implement:** put into effect; enact

**publicly disclose:** reveal in public; make known to the people

**publicly-funded elections:** elections that are funded with government tax revenue or income tax donations rather than corporate campaign contributions or wealthy individuals

**regulate:** control or supervise by means of rules and laws

**shareholder:** stockholder; an owner or holder of one or more shares in a corporation

**Super PAC:** an independent group that can raise or spend unlimited amounts of money to elect or defeat political candidates

**usurp:** take by someone's power or property by force

