

American Revolution Vocabulary

1. Militia	Citizens in temporary military service
2. Minutemen	Groups of citizens ready to go at a minutes notice
3. Patriots	Support the revolution
4. Loyalist (Tories)	Support the King of England
5. Petition	a formal written request, typically one signed by many people, appealing to authority with respect to a particular cause
6. Resolution	Formal proposal
7. Unalienable Rights	Not capable of being taken away
8. Grievances	Complaints
9. Abolish	To end
10.Despotism	The exercise of absolute power, especially in a cruel and oppressive way.
11.Monarchy	A system where the King or Queen inherit their power from their family line
12.Democracy	A system in which the people are the source of all political power
13.Allies	Countries that agree to act together