

**American History Vocabulary Terms**  
**Unit 5 – The New Republic**

1. **Precedent** a tradition
2. **Cabinet** a group of advisers to the president
3. **National debt** the amount of money a national government owes to other governments or its people
4. **Bond** a note issued by the government, which promises to pay off a loan with interest
5. **Speculator** person who risks money in order to make a large profit
6. **Unconstitutional** not agreeing or consistent with the Constitution
7. **Tariff** a tax on imports or exports
8. **Neutrality** a position of not taking sides in a conflict
9. **Impressment** forcing people into service, as in the navy
10. **Partisan** favoring one side of an issue
11. **Implied powers** powers not specifically mentioned in the Constitution
12. **Caucus** a meeting held by a political party to choose their party's candidate for president or decide policy
13. **Alien** an immigrant living in a country in which he or she is not a citizen
14. **Sedition** activities aimed at weakening established government
15. **Nullify** to cancel or make ineffective
16. **States' rights** rights and powers independent that are reserved for the states by the Constitution; the belief that states' rights supersede federal rights and law
17. **Laissez-faire** policy that government should interfere as little as possible in the nation's economy
18. **Judicial review** the right of the Supreme Court to determine if a law violates the Constitution
19. **Conestoga wagon** sturdy vehicle topped with white canvas and used by pioneers to move west
20. **Secede** to leave or withdraw
21. **Tribute** money paid for protection
22. **Neutral rights** the right to sail the seas and not take sides in a war
23. **Embargo** an order prohibiting trade with another country
24. **War Hawks** Republicans during Madison's' presidency who pressed for war with Britain
25. **Nationalism** loyalty to a nation and promotion of its interests above all others
26. **Frigate** warship
27. **Privateer** armed private ship