**Government Vocabulary List**

**Democracy**

* Democracy- a government run by the people; citizens participate by voting, high rights and liberties
* Bill of Rights- first ten amendments to the Constitution
* Bill- proposed law that must be approved by the legislative, and in some cases, executive branches
* Liberty- freedom; having the right to do something
* Right- something a person is allowed to do and is protected by law
* Responsibility- something a person should do for their country

**Monarchy**

* Monarchy- a government run by a king or queen; citizens have fewer rights
* Inherited (power)- power is gained by birth rights (being born into the royal family)

**Constitutional Monarchy**

* Constitutional Monarchy- a government led by a Prime Minister, with a King or Queen as historical figure; citizens have a high level of rights

**Dictatorship**

* Dictatorship- a harsh government run by a dictator; the citizens have few rights
* Dictator- leader of a dictatorship having total control; he seizes power and is harsh
* Seize (power)- to take control by force

**Theocracy**

* Theocracy- form of government based on religion; religion drives decisions