

5th Grade

Unit 4: Making a New Nation

Word Bank Focus: Word Origin

Word	Origin	Notes
...If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution		
revolution	Latin (revolt)	revoltus (revolve)
tyranny	Latin	tyrannus (a tyrant)
congress	Latin	congressus (a coming together)
militia	Latin	(military service)
treaty	Old French	traitié (treat)
The Night the Revolution Began		
apprentice	Old French	aprendre (teach, inform)
lieutenant	French	lieu (place) + tenant
defiance	Old French Medieval Latin (defy)	defier dis- (not) + fidare (be faithful)
boycott	Irish	Captain C. Boycott
fife	Old High German Latin	pfifa pipare (to peep, chirp)
The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere		
barrack	Italian	baracca (soldiers' tent)
sombre	French	sombre
sentinel	Late Latin	sentinare (avoid danger) sentire (perceive)
impetuous	Latin	impetuosus
troop	Middle English	trampen
The Declaration of Independence		
delegation	Latin (delegate)	de- (down) + legare (send)
reconciliation	Latin	re- (again) + conciliare (unite)
radical	Latin	radix, radicus (root)
unalienable	Latin (alien)	un- (not) + alienus (transfer)
document	Latin	documentum (lesson)
The Master Spy of Yorktown		
legislature	Latin (legislate)	legis (a law) + latus (carried)
headquarters		
campaign	Latin	campus (open field)
petition	Latin	petere (seek)
procure	Latin	procurare (look after)

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Shhh! We're Writing the Constitution		
nation	Latin	natio (breed, race)
confederation	Latin (confederate)	com- (together) + foedus (league)
convention	Latin (convent)	conventus (meeting)
constitution	Latin (constitute)	com- (together) + statuere (place)
federal	Latin	foedus (a league)
We, the People of the United States		
preamble	Latin	prae- (before) + ambulare (to walk)
diplomacy	Latin (diplomat)	diploma (a document)
ratification	Latin (ratify)	ratus (fixed) + facere (make)
despotism	Greek (despot)	despotes (master)
constituent	Latin	com- (together) + statuere (place)

Language Timeline

Greek = 850 B.C.-200 AD

Latin (Classical) = 80 B.C.-200 AD

Late Latin = 200-600 AD

Old English = before 1150

Middle English = 1150-1500 AD