

# Chapter 1 Vocabulary

1. **immigrant:** an individual who moves permanently to a new country
2. **ethnic group:** a group of people who share a common national, cultural, or racial background
3. **values:** the general principles or beliefs people use to make judgments and decisions
4. **institution:** a key practice, relationship, or organization in a society
5. **popular sovereignty:** government receives its power from the people
6. **citizen:** community member who owes loyalty to the government and is entitled to its protection
7. **civics:** the study of the rights and duties of citizens
8. **citizenship:** rights and duties of citizens
9. **government:** the ruling authority for a community
10. **naturalization:** a legal process to obtain citizenship
11. **alien:** a foreign-born resident of the United States who has not been naturalized

12. **refugee:** a person who has left his or her home to escape war, persecution by the government, famine, or natural disaster
13. **responsibility:** an obligation that we meet of our own free will
14. **duty:** an action we are required to perform
15. **tolerance:** respecting and accepting others, regardless of their beliefs, practices, or differences
16. **welfare:** the health, prosperity, and happiness of the members of a community
17. **volunteerism:** the practice of offering your time and services to others without receiving payment
18. **public policy:** the decisions and actions a government takes to solve problems in the community
19. **representative democracy:** a government in which citizens choose a smaller group to govern on their behalf
20. **constitutional monarchy:** monarchy in which the power of the hereditary ruler is limited by the country's constitution and laws

21. **majority rule:** political principle providing that a majority of the members of a community has the power to make laws binding upon all the people
22. **authoritarian regime:** a government in which one leader or group of people holds absolute power
23. **totalitarian:** describes a system in which government control extends to almost all aspects of people's lives
24. **ideology:** a body of ideas about life and society
25. **socialism:** system in which government owns some factors of production and distributes the products and wages