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1. currency- money
2. commerce- trade

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3. federal system of government- a governmental form in which authority is divided between a central (national) government and the states
4. constitution- a plan of government
5. Bill of Rights- the first ten amendments (changes) to the Constitution of the United States that lists the guaranteed individual rights of every American
6. Virginia Plan- a plan for the new constitution suggested by James Madison of Virginia
7. two-house legislature- a law-making group that has two parts, such as the House of Representatives and Senate in Congress.
8. constitutional- if something fits within the laws of the Constitution of the United States of America
9. checks and balances- a system by which no one branch of the Federal government becomes more powerful than the others; for example, Congress can impeach a bad president, the president appoints supreme court justices and Congress approves them, etc.

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10. political parties- groups of people who believe differently about how the policies of government should work
11. national- belonging to a nation or country

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12. two-party system- a system in which two main political parties compete for control of the government, such as the Democrats and Republicans of today
13. administration- a president's time in office
14. Western Hemisphere- the western half of the globe