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Social Studies-The United States Study Guide

1. **Democracy-** A form of government in which citizens have the right to vote
2. **Demand-** the ability and desire to purchase goods and services
3. **Tradition-** a custom that is passed on to others
4. **Scarcity-**the shortage of the amount of available resources versus the wants and needs of the people
5. **Custom-** a way of doing something
6. **Law-**a rule that a community makes
7. **Bill-** a law presented to elected representatives for approval
8. **Citizen-** a person who lives in and belongs to a community
9. **Vote-** a way of making decisions. It allows a group of people with different opinions to decide how to act.

10.**Capitol-**the name of the government building in a capital city where law makers meet

11. **Export-**to carry or send goods for sale out of one country to another

12. **Constitution-** a plan for the government

13. **Symbol-** something that stands for something else

**U.S. Constitution**

* Sets out the ideas by which our country is governed
* Writers of the Constitution wanted to create a strong government and they wanted to make sure that one person or group did not have too much power

**\*\*Be able to recognize the symbols of our nation:**

* The American Flag -Statue of Liberty
* Bald Eagle -Seal of the President -Liberty Bell
* The White House -Mount Rushmore

**Students need to know:**

* The capital of the United States
* The form of government in the United States
* Why France gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States
* Why the constitution was created
* What citizenship means and what are a citizens responsibilities
* Difference between a want and a need-examples of each
* Why the United States flag changed over time
* Two examples of cultural diffusion from other places into America
* The job of the government