Chapter 4 vocabulary Part 2 Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| American Revolution | The war between the colonists and the British soldiers. The colonists were fighting for independence from Great Britain. |
| Declaration of Independence | Listed the colonists complains against King George III and officially announced the colonists’ decision to free themselves from Great Britain. |
| Fort Laurens | The only fort built in Ohio during the American Revolution |
| Articles of Confederation | The first system of U.S. government written in 1781. It created a very weak national government because it could not tax the states. It could only declare war and sign treaties. It did not have a president or a two-house congress. |
| U.S. Constitution | The document that describes the system of government that we still use today. It allowed the states to elect representatives to a two-house congress, established the office of President, allowed the government to tax the states, and allowed amendments to be made. |
| Bill of Rights | The first 10 amendments to the Constitution. It protects important individual rights all people should have.  |
| independence | Freedom from another’s control |
| congress | A meeting or convention |
| Constitution | A document that describes the system of government and founding principles of a state, nation, or organization. |
| amendment | A change |
| ratify | To approve |