



"Shaping the World: Conversations on Democracy"

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Vocabulary

Adjudicator/Adjudication – one who acts as a judge/a judicial decision

Aggressive – threatening, destructive, boldly assertive and forward, pushy

Annals – historical records of events

Austere – severe, uncompromising, strict, serious, solemn

Authority – power, or a body that holds power (the government is an authority and has authority over its citizens)

Bane – a person or thing that ruins or destroys

Blockade – to block a port to prevent ships entering or leaving

Catastrophic – misfortune, disaster

Caveat – a legal warning to a judicial officer to suspend a proceeding until the opposition has a hearing

Civil – of, pertaining to, or consisting of citizens

Classical – of, pertaining to, or characteristic of the Greek and Roman period of history

Collective – all together

Collegiate – of, or pertaining to a college

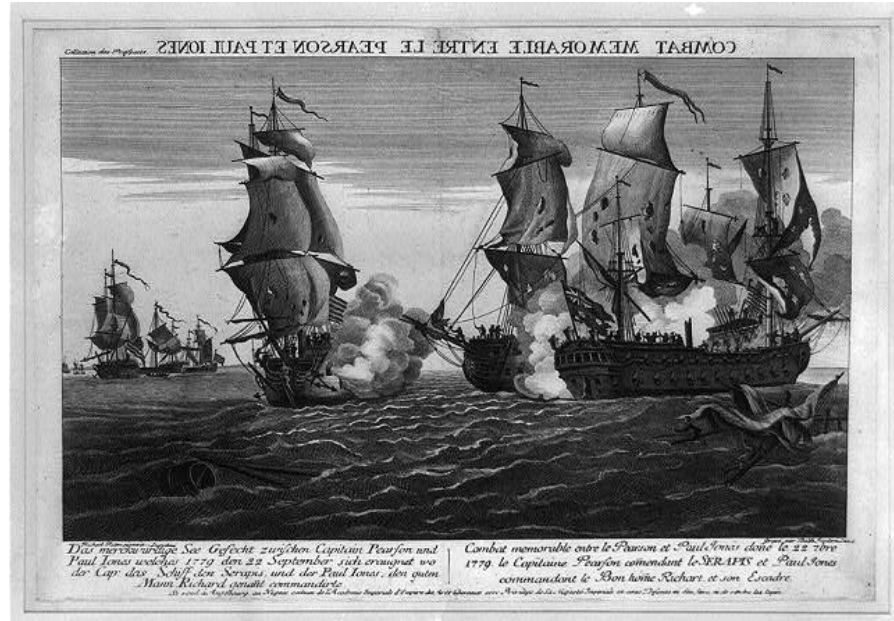
Collude – to work together

Consent – to give approval or to agree

Convention – the meeting of a group of people for a specific purpose

Criminal – guilty of a crime

Cross the Rubicon – to take action, move forward



Cultivation – the planting, tending, improving, or harvesting of crops or plants

Debt – an amount of money owed

Deprive – to remove or withhold something

Diabolical – characteristic of the devil; evil

Dissolve House of Burgesses – to disband or prevent the body of people from meeting

Eloquent – expressive, forceful, movingly expressive

Emanate – to send forth; gather together

Exploit – accomplishment, achievement; a striking or notable deed or feat; spirited or heroic act

Fallible – able or expected to make a mistake

Federal Government – the national government that has rule over all the states

Felony – a serious crime that under English common law is more serious than a misdemeanor

Fundamental – basic, underlying

Grievance – complaint of distress

Guardian – a person who is entrusted by law with the care of the person

Hogshead – a barrel packed with tobacco

Hostility – unfriendly action

Humiliation – being dishonored, degraded, treated poorly, shamed, mortified

Impetuous – sudden or rash action; moving forcefully

Inevitable – incapable of being avoided



Infamy – extremely bad reputation as the result of a shameful, criminal act

Inherent – existing in someone or something as a permanent and inseparable element, quality, or attribute

Insanity defense – the defense of someone in court on the grounds that they were not in their right mind when the crime was committed

Insidious – treacherous, harmful

Insurrection – an uprising, revolt, rebellion, resistance

Invasion – an act or instance of invading or entering as an enemy; trying to take possession of

Mace – a ceremonial staff carried before or by certain officials as a symbol of office

Magazine – place where guns and gunpowder were kept

Manslaughter – the unlawful killing of a human being without malice aforethought

Mantle – leadership

Militia – a body of citizens organized for military service



Misdemeanor – a criminal offense defined as less serious than a felony

Molest – frighten, bother, interfere with, annoy

Munitions – weapons, guns, ammunition

Murder – the killing of another human, committed with malice aforethought, characterized by deliberation or premeditation

No benefit of clergy – not allowed to call upon the clergy to avoid the death penalty

Novice – a beginner



Nullify – to make of no value, to make void

Obligation – a duty or responsibility

Oration – a public speech characterized by a studied or elevated style, diction, or delivery

Ordinary – a public house for dining or overnight accommodations

Pirate – one who partakes in robbery, especially by boat

Precept – a commandment or direction given as a rule of action or conduct

Printing Press – a machine that produces

printed copies of a written work

Provoke – to challenge, anger, enrage, stir up

Reconciliation – to make up or come to agreement with a former friend

Recourse – a source of help or strength

Retaliation – to get even; revenge

Revenue – money collected by the government in the form of taxes

Secede – to break away from, withdraw

Shackled – chained

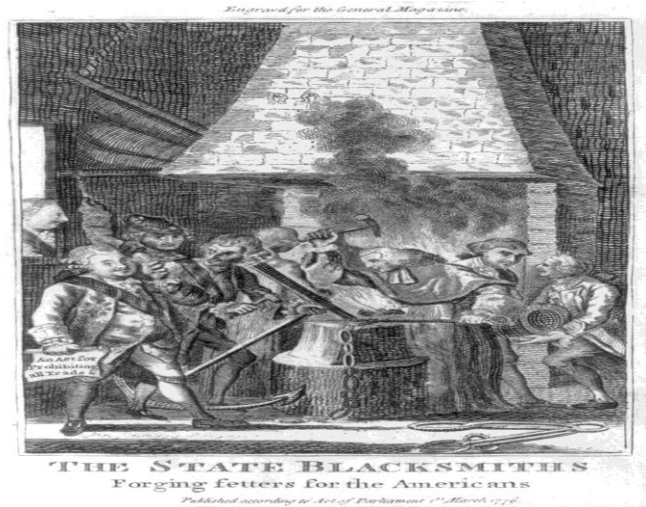
Treason – the offense of trying to overthrow one's government, or to ally oneself with your country's enemy

Turmoil – disturbance, disorder, confusion

Tyrannical – unjustly cruel, harsh, severe

Veto – to refuse to approve

Vicinage – community, region, neighborhood



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