**Unit 5 Lesson 1 and 2 Vocabulary**

* Articles of Confederation- the first plan of government of the United States
* Arsenal- a storage place for weapons
* Legislature-a body of people that has the power to make or pass laws
* Federal system-a system of government in which power in the nation is shared between the central government and the state governments
* Supreme Court- the head of the judicial branch of the federal government. It is the highest court in the country.
* Ratify-to officially approve
* Bill of Rights- a formal statement of rights and liberties guaranteed to the people by a state
* Amendment- an addition to the U.S. Constitution