

USING VISUAL CUES Cut out the flash cards below and study the vocabulary words for this section.

Magna
Carta

proper noun

a document that
made the king have
to obey English law

English Bill
of Rights

proper noun

a bill passed in 1689
that reduced the
powers of the
English monarch

constitution

noun

a set of laws that
states what the
government can and
cannot do

Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom

proper noun

a document that said people could not be forced to attend a church and they did not have to pay for a church with tax money

suffrage

noun

the right to vote

Articles of Confederation

proper noun

a national constitution under which the United States was governed by a Confederation Congress

ratification

noun

official approval

Hint: The states ratified the Articles of Confederation.

Land
Ordinance
of 1785

proper noun

a system passed by Congress for dividing western lands

Northwest
Ordinance
of 1787

proper noun

a political system passed by Congress for the Northwest Territory

Northwest Territory

proper noun

areas that are now
part of Illinois,
Indiana, Michigan,
Ohio, Minnesota,
and Wisconsin