**Social Studies Chapter 7 Vocabulary**

**United States Government**

**Lesson 1**

1. Cooperate – to work together
2. Laws – rules that a community makes
3. Consequence – something that happens because of what a person does
4. Mayor – a leader of a community government
5. Elect – to choose by voting
6. Citizen – a person who lives in and belongs to a community
7. Court – a place where a jury makes decisions about the law
8. Judge – a person from the community who is chosen to work as a leader in the courts

**Lesson 2**

1. Rights - freedoms
2. Amendment – a change in the Constitution
3. Bill of Rights – the first ten amendments to the Constitution that list the freedoms and rights that the people of the United States will always have
4. Representative – a person chosen by a group of people to act or speak for them
5. Majority rule – accepting the thing or person that more than half the people vote for
6. Minority rights – the rights kept by a smaller group that did not vote for the same thing or person most people voted for

**Lesson 3**

1. Legislative branch – the branch of government that makes laws
2. Executive branch – the branch of government that sees that the laws are obeyed
3. Judicial branch – the branch of government that decides whether laws are fair
4. Congress – the legislative branch of the national government
5. President – the title given to the leader of the United States of America. He leads the executive branch of the national government
6. Supreme court – a part of the judicial branch of the national government: the most important court in the United States
7. Appoint – to choose
8. Governor – the elected leader of a state’s government
9. Capital – the government building in a capital city

**Lesson 4**

1. Council – a group of people chosen to make laws
2. Government service – work that is done by the government for everyone in a city or town
3. Recreation – any activity, hobby, or sport done for enjoyment
4. Public works – a department of a community government that provides services to meet day-to-day needs
5. Tax – the money that citizens pay to run the government and to obtain its services
6. County – part of a state
7. County seat - a town or city where the county government meets