**Unit 4- The United States Government**

**Key Terms (Part 2)**

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| **Preamble** | The introduction to the US Constitution that outlines the goals of the document |
| **impeach** | To accuse the President of wrong doing in his office and making the decision to put him on trial for that wrong doing |
| **amendment** | A change to the something (i.e. the Constitution) that overrides (when needed) the previously stated rules |
| **petition** | A process by which citizens can request something of the government, typically in writing and with signatures of people who support it |
| **Double Jeopardy** | Being tried for the same crime twice |
| **due process of law** | According to this every citizen must be allowed to go before a court when they are accused of a crime |
| **impartial** | Unbiased |
| **Eminent Domain** | The right and process by which the government is allowed to take property away from citizens in order to help the nation improve |
| **precedent** | Any act, decision, or case that serves as a guide or justification for subsequent situations |
| **veto** | The right of a branch of government to reject a bill that has been passed in an effort to delay or prevent its enactment |
| **Anti-Federalist** | People who were against ratification of the Constitution because they thought it gave too much power to the federal government |
| **bill** | A proposed law given to the legislature for approval |
| **Electoral College** | The system by which the Constitution details the election of the President - citizens of states vote to choose electors to represent their state and those electors vote for the President |
| **Federalist** | Those in favor of the government established by the US Constitution |
| **bicameral** | A two-house legislature |