

Declaration of Independence

Equality

Second Continental Congress

Minuteman

Militia

The state of having the same rights and privileges of others.

The document that announced that the American colonies were breaking away from Great Britain and explained why.

The meeting of delegates from the American colonies that began in Philadelphia in 1775. The Congress approved the Declaration of Independence and acted as the colonies' government during the American Revolution.

A Patriot volunteer who was paid and trained to be ready to fight at a minute's notice.

A body of mostly untrained part-time soldiers who did required military service and were available for full-time paid duty when needed.