

Vocabulary – Chapter 5

civil liberties	Basic freedoms that are guaranteed under the Constitution, such as freedom of speech and freedom of religion. These rights are protections from governmental intrusion or abuse.
civil rights	Guarantees of equal rights and equal treatment under the law. Unlike civil liberties, civil rights are not protections from government abuse, but rights that government must provide to its citizens, such as trial by jury and voting rights.
incorporation	The process by which the Supreme Court applies the Bill of Rights to the states through the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.
libel	Publishing false information about someone with intent to cause harm.
slander	Orally spreading false information about someone with intent to cause harm.
prior restraint	An attempt by government to prevent the publication or broadcast of material considered harmful.
self-incrimination	Statements, usually made under oath, suggesting that the person speaking is guilty of a crime.
double jeopardy	The prosecution of a person a second time for a crime for which the defendant has already been tried once and found not guilty. Double jeopardy is prohibited under the Fifth Amendment.