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Liberty - being free in society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

Anocracy - a government regime featuring inherent qualities of political instability and ineffectiveness

Abolition - to abolish or do away with *sic* slavery

Polemical - strong verbal or written attack on someone or something

Emancipation - freedom

Suffrage - the right to vote

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Institution - structures or mechanisms of social order that govern the behavior of a set of individuals within a given community

Enlightenment - a European intellectual movement of the late 17th & 18th centuries emphasizing reason and individualism rather than tradition

French Revolution - period of dramatic upheaval (1789-1799) inspired by Enlightenment ideas and the American Revolution which led to much of Europe becoming more democratic (and less autocratic)