



**2002 Shaping the World: Conversation on Democracy  
A Conversation with Thomas Jefferson and Marquis de Lafayette**

**VOCABULARY**

**ambassador** - an official who represents the American government in its relations with a foreign nation

**alleviate** - to relieve, to lessen, to make more bearable

**alliance** - an agreement between nations to act together for a common goal or purpose

**anarchy** - no government

**apprentice** - person who is learning a trade by working with an individual skilled in the trade

**arduous** - difficult

**broadside** - a single printed sheet that relayed information or announcements to the public regarding events, current issues or news items, etc. Most were posted and often read aloud before a group of people.

**Committee of Correspondence** - any official group appointed by a colony, town or group of individuals to spread news throughout the towns and to other colonies; also a means to organize and activities. The first group was organized in 1765 to oppose the stamp act.

**compass rose** - a symbol that indicates direction (north, south, east, west) on a map or chart

**Continental Congress** - Representatives of the colonies meet in 1774 in Philadelphia as the First Continental Congress to ask for rights from the King. The Second Continental Congress met in May, 1775, after the Battle of Lexington and Concord, with the idea of independence from Britain growing stronger.

**courier** - official messenger

**democracy** - government by the people

**equality** - state of being alike for each member of a group, class, society

**frigate** - a square rigged war vessel

**grievances** - complaints; troubles

**guillotined** - to be put to death by means of a device that uses a heavy blade to cut off a person's head

**handbill - a single printed sheet that relayed information or announcements to the public regarding events, current issues or news items, etc. Most were posted and often read aloud before a group of people.**

**inalienable rights - not surrendered, not transferred**

**iridescent - a display or effect of rainbow like colors**

**mechanic -**

**minister – an official who represents the American government in its relations with a foreign nation**

**monarch - a ruler such as a king or queen**

**monarchy - government lead by a monarch**

**polygraph - a writing instrument used to make a copy of a letter or document at the time it was being written; Thomas Jefferson owned three polygraphs. The polygraph was invented by John Isaac Hawkins who received an American patent on it.**

**reconstruction - to construct or assemble something again**

**replicated - to copy or duplicate**

**self-government - government by the people**

**siege - a blockade upon a town, city, fort in an attempt to force surrender**

**surrealist - an individual whose principles and ideals exhibit dreamlike quality**

**treaty - written agreement made between nations**

**tyranny - cruel and unjust use of power**