| **abolitionist** | a person who strongly favors doing away with slavery (p. 418) |
| **abstain** | to not take part in some activity, such as voting (p. 439) |
| **adobe** | a sun-dried mud brick used to build the homes of some Native Americans (p. 32) |
| **affluence** | the state of having much wealth (p. 566) |
| **alien** | an immigrant living in a country in which he or she is not a citizen (p. 271) |
| **alliance** | a close association of nations or other groups, formed to advance common interests or causes (pp. 122, 547) |
| **ambush** | a surprise attack (p. 187) |
| **amendment** | an addition to a formal document such as the Constitution (pp. 213, 221) |
| **American System** | policies devised by Henry Clay to stimulate the growth of industry (p. 324) |
| **amnesty** | the granting of pardon to a large number of persons; protection from prosecution for an illegal act (p. 501) |
| **annex** | to add a territory to one’s own territory (p. 367) |
| **Antifederalists** | individuals who opposed ratification of the Constitution (p. 212) |
| **apprentice** | assistant who is assigned to learn the trade of a skilled craftsman (p. 112) |
| **appropriate** | to set something aside for a particular purpose, especially funds (p. 223) |
| **archaeology** | the study of ancient peoples (p. 17) |
| **arsenal** | a storage place for weapons and ammunition (p. 448) |
| **article** | a part of a document, such as the Constitution, that deals with a single subject (p. 209) |
| **artifact** | an item left behind by early people that represents their culture (p. 17) |
| **astrolabe** | an instrument used by sailors to observe positions of stars (p. 40) |