**Excerpt 1**

* “political bands” – (Hint: think about the rope diagram we looked at – what did the rope represent?)
* impel – to force

**Excerpt 2**

* self-evident – unquestionable (no need to argue or prove)
* “endowed with” – have been given
* unalienable – impossible to be taken away

**Excerpt 3**

* instituted – established
* deriving – getting
* consent – permission

**Excerpt 4**

* abolish – get rid of

**Excerpt 5**

* injuries – violations of peoples’ rights
* usurpations – things that have been taken (and kept) by force
* tyranny – government in which the ruler is cruel and unfair to his/her people

**Excerpt 6**

* submitted – revealed
* candid – unbiased (having no pre-conceived opinion)
* assent – approval

**Excerpt 7**

* oppressions – unjust or cruel use of power by a leader
* petition (v) – ask for
* redress – to make right for something done wrong
* tyrant – a leader who is cruel or unjust to his/her people

**Excerpt 8**

* solemnly – sadly and seriously
* publish – to make publicly known