Lives in Balance Vocabulary List

The vocabulary words below will be helpful for students to know prior to playing Lives in Balance.

- **10th Amendment** – An amendment to the Constitution that says that the federal government has only those powers specifically granted to it by the Constitution; powers that are not specifically granted to the federal government by the Constitution belong to the states or the people instead.

- **Article 1, Section 8** – A part of the Constitution that says Congress has the power to regulate commerce between the U.S. and foreign nations, among states, and with Native American tribes.

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** – A part of the federal Department of Health and Human Services; works to protect people from health threats.

- **Coalition** – An alliance of two or more people or groups who agree to work together temporarily to achieve a common goal. In this simulation, the fictional Southwest States Coalition is made up of four states: California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada.

- **Department of Commerce** – An executive department of the federal government focused on economic growth and development.

- **Interstate commerce** – The purchase, sale, or exchange of commodities, money, or goods between different states, regulated by the federal government.