

### **SS.7.C.1.9**

**Define the rule of law and recognize its influence on the development of the American legal, political, and governmental systems.**

Nobody, not even the president, is more important than the law. In many countries and for many centuries, soldiers and government officials have taken an oath to be loyal to their king or other leader. In the United States, the only oath is to support the Constitution, which is the Supreme (highest) law of the land.