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|  | Definition | 1776 | Today |
| Equality | Being treated the same regardless of who you are | White men, land owners.  ½ million slaves, women were not equal to men | Now laws guarantee that all citizens are equal regardless of age, race, gender, etc. |
| Rights | Powers/Privileges given by law or by people | Rights given by the Creator (God)  -Rights to be happy, own land | Every citizen and persons living in the US are given the same rights  -vote  -bear arms (guns)  - protest  -speech |
| Liberty | Freedom | Freedom from England  Still had slavery in US | Every person living in the USA are free within limits  -speech  -religion |
| Opportunity | A Chance | Opportunity to own land and to live off of it | Citizens of USA and others have the chance for the “American Dream”  -Education  -Home  -Money |
| Democracy | Form of government, power comes from the people (citizens) | Only 13 colonies  Concerned how it would work on a larger scale | Every US citizen 18 or older have the right to vote  \*USA has a poor voter turn out\* |

**American Ideals**