**Chapter 5: The United States**

**Section 3 Vocabulary**

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| **New Word** | **Definition** |
| public education | schooling that is paid for by the government |
| literacy | the ability to read and write |
| cultural blending | something new created from combining the elements of two or more cultures |
| jazz | a type of music that developed from a blending of African rhythms, American band music, and the musical styles of African Americans and Europeans |
| blues | a type of music with lyrics that express sorrow, usually about problems in love or the hardships of life |
| official language | a language that by law must be used for government, business, and education |
| culture | the behavior patterns, art, and beliefs of a group of people |