

## DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS

### **fundamentalist noun**

**syn** DIEHARD 1, bitter-ender, conservative, old liner, right, rightist, right-winger, standpat, standpatter, tory

### **fundamental adjective**

**1** forming or affecting the groundwork, roots, or lowest part of something  
<the *fundamental* rules of poetry>

**syn** basal, basic, bottom, foundational, meat-and-potatoes, primary, radical, underlying

**rel** primal, prime, primordial; elemental, elementary

**con** incidental

**2** **syn** ELEMENTAL 1, basic, elementary, essential, primitive, substratal (foundational), underlying

**3** **syn** ESSENTIAL 2, cardinal, constitutive, vital

**rel** indispensable, necessary, needful, requisite; dominant, paramount

### **fundamental noun**

**1** **syn** PRINCIPLE 1, axiom, law, principium (fundamental principle), theorem

**rel** component, constituent, element, factor

**2** **syn** ESSENTIAL 1, basic, element, part and parcel, rudiment

**3** *usually* **fundamentals** plural

**syn** ALPHABET 2, ABC's, elements, grammar, principles, rudiments

### **fundamentalism noun** (1922)

**1** **a** *often cap* : a movement in 20th century Protestantism emphasizing the literally interpreted Bible as fundamental to Christian life and teaching

**b** : the beliefs of this movement

**c** : adherence to such beliefs

**2** a movement or attitude stressing strict and literal adherence to a set of basic principles