

Civics and Government Essentials		Scope and Sequence
Unit	Lesson	Objectives
Foundations of Government		
Civic Engagement and the Individual		
		Explain the characteristics of civic institutions.
		Explain strategies used by groups to influence change in US institutions.
		Describe ways to become involved in a community.
Residency, Citizenship, and the Individual		
		Identify the different types of US citizenship.
		Describe the paths to US citizenship.
		Explain the rights, duties, and responsibilities of citizenship.
Rights, Limits, and Early Democracy		
		Describe democracy.
		Explain how the governments of ancient Athens and the Roman Republic influenced the US government.
Comparing Ideas of the Enlightenment		
		Explain the influence of Enlightenment ideals on US frameworks of government.
		Analyze the contributions of Enlightenment thinkers to the US system of government.
		Describe the expansion of the term "equality" from its use by Enlightenment thinkers to today.
Media Literacy: Reliability and Relevance		
		Describe factors that make a source reliable and relevant.
		Explain methods to determine the reliability and relevance of online sources.
		Distinguish between reliable and unreliable sources.
Unit Test		
A New Government		

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	Early Forms of Government	
		Explain how British ideas influenced political institutions in colonial America.
		Analyze the roles of the Iroquois during the colonial era.
		Analyze the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.
	Compromise and the Constitutional Convention	
		Describe events leading up to the Constitutional Convention.
		Describe the compromises of the Constitutional Convention.
		Compare ideas of the Federalists and the Anti-federalists.
	The Constitution of the United States	
		Describe the structure of the Constitution.
		Explain principles outlined in the Constitution.
		Analyze the Preamble of the Constitution.
	The Bill of Rights	
		Identify the freedoms provided to all citizens by the Bill of Rights.
		Describe the legal protections given by the Bill of Rights to the accused and imprisoned.
		Explain how the Bill of Rights protects additional rights and powers for states and individuals.
	Compromise and Discourse Today	
		Explain the relationship between discourse and compromise.
		Describe appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication to use in discourse.
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Branches of Government		
	Federalism and Balance	

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		Explain the concept of federalism.
		Describe enumerated, reserved, and concurrent powers.
		Compare the powers of government at federal and state levels.
	Legislative Branch	
		Describe the structure of Congress.
		Describe the powers of Congress.
		Analyze how Congress represents the people.
		Explain the lawmaking process.
	Executive Branch	
		Explain the requirements for president as established by Article II.
		Describe the roles and responsibilities of the president.
		Describe the powers and responsibilities of the executive branch.
	Judicial Branch	
		Compare federal and state court systems.
		Describe the organization of the United States judicial system.
		Explain how the Supreme Court uses judicial review to determine constitutionality.
	Local and State Governments	
		Identify the level of government responsible for resolving an issue.
		Compare the structures of federal, state, and local governments.
		Explain the relationship of local governments to state governments.
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Rights of the People		

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	First Amendment	
		Identify the purpose of the Bill of Rights.
		Explain the freedoms and rights protected under the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights.
	The Rights of Defendants	
		Describe individual rights and protections found in the Bill of Rights.
		Explain how the Bill of Rights guarantees protections for the accused.
		Analyze the Supreme Court's interpretations of the rights of the accused.
	Equal Protections under the Constitution	
		Describe the process for amending the US Constitution.
		Explain the significance of key constitutional amendments that expanded rights.
		Analyze how constitutional amendments have affected minority groups' political participation in the US.
	Ideals in Conflict	
		Describe how the Supreme Court has interpreted the due process clause of the 14th Amendment.
		Explain how the Supreme Court has considered individual liberties when they conflict with the common good.
	Media Literacy: Lateral Reading	
		Describe lateral reading.
		Use lateral reading to check the validity of a source.
		Compare lateral and vertical reading strategies.
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Influencing the Government		
	Your Government and You	
		Describe the democratic process in the United States.

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		Determine how the First Amendment supports the democratic process.
		Describe ways individuals can participate in the democratic process.
	The Influence of Interest Groups	
		Describe how public and private interest groups influence society.
		Analyze how interest groups influence government actions.
	Civil Rights Movements	
		Compare historical and contemporary civil rights movements.
		Describe how civil rights movements led to change in US society.
		Explain the significance of US laws in expanding civil rights.
	Mass Media's Influence	
		Explain the primary roles of media.
		Analyze the media's influence on public opinion and policy.
		Describe how social media is taking on the roles of mass media.
	Media Literacy: The Role of Social Media	
		Describe the benefits and drawbacks of using social media to share information.
		Explain the importance of evaluating information shared on social media.
		Describe strategies to evaluate claims and information in social media posts.
	Unit Test	
Cumulative Exam		
	Cumulative Exam Review	
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