

Unit 6: Citizenship in American History and Government



Examine the Preamble to the American Constitution

Hypothesize what our country would be like without the seven citizenship skills

Use the small group meeting process in decision-making situations

Participate in a Representative Group Session

Explore the Chief Justice process for debating constitutional and contemporary issue

Examine how the Founders' ideas of government were to protect natural rights of citizens

Trace how the American ideas of individual rights developed

Show how the Founders built on the principles of British representative government

Form an opinion about how the Declaration of Independence reflects your ideas about the purpose of government and protection of individual rights

Examine how state constitutions support protection of individual rights

Determine why the Founders created the Articles of Confederation and the concerns that resulted

Assess how the Philadelphia Convention and the Virginia Plan helped create the Constitution

Assess how the powers granted to the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government result in a balance of power

Analyze the conflicting positions relating to the ratification of the Constitution

Identify how the Constitution was used to organize the new government

Examine the reasons behind the development of the Bill of Rights

Compare the role of political parties in early America to the role they play today

Contrast various positions on Judicial Review

Differentiate between the powers of federal and state governments

Illustrate the causes and effects of the Civil War

Explain how the Fourteenth Amendment expanded constitutional protection of rights

External Pennsylvania Standards

Civics and Government	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Grade 9	X				X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X				X
5.1. Principles and Documents of Government	X	X				X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X			
A. Identify and explain the major arguments advanced for the necessity of government.						X					X			X						
B. Describe historical examples of the importance of the rule of law.																X				
C. Analyze the principles and ideals that shape government.								X						X	X					
D. Interpret significant changes in the basic documents shaping the government of Pennsylvania.											X									
E. Analyze the basic documents shaping the government of the United States.	X								X		X	X			X					
F. Contrast the individual rights created by the Pennsylvania Constitution and those created by the Constitution of the United States.						X	X					X								
H. Explain and interpret the roles of framers of basic documents of government from a national and Pennsylvania perspective.								X												
J. Explain how law protects individual rights and the common good.																X				X
L. Interpret Pennsylvania and United States court decisions that have impacted the principles and ideals of government.					X															
Grade 12		X													X		X			
B. Analyze the sources, purposes and functions of law.															X		X			

