



Alignment Document
State of Idaho and Aventa Learning American Government

American Government
2005-2007 Benchmark Blueprint

Standards	Goals	Benchmarks	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
9-12.G American Government				
9-12.G.1 No goals or objectives in American Government.				
9-12.G.2 No goals or objectives in American Government.				
9-12.G.3 No goals or objectives in American Government.				
9-12.G.4 Students in American Government build an understanding of the foundational principles of the American political system, the organization and formation of the American system of government, that all people in the United States have rights and assume responsibilities, and the evolution of democracy.	9-12.G.4.1 Build an understanding of the foundational principles of the American political system.	9-12.G.4.1.1 Describe the origins of constitutional law in western civilization, including the natural rights philosophy, Magna Carta (1215), common law, and the Bill of Rights (1689) in England.	Constitutional Origins	Political Foundations of American Democracy
		9-12.G.4.1.2 Describe historical milestones that led to the creation of limited government in the United States, such as the Declaration of Independence (1776), Articles of Confederation (1781), state constitutions and charters, United States Constitution (1787), and the Bill of Rights (1791) in the United States.	Constitutional Origins	Colonial Government
			Constitutional Origins	The American Revolution
			Constitutional Origins	Establishing the First Government
			Constitutional Origins	Creating the Constitution
			Constitutional	Structure of the Constitution



			Principles	
			Constitutional Principles	Principles of the Constitution Federalism
			Constitutional Principles	Changing the Constitution
		9-12.G.4.1.3 Analyze the essential ideals and objectives of the original organizing documents of the United States including the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the United States Constitution.	Constitutional Origins	Establishing the First Government
			Constitutional Origins	Creating the Constitution
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		9-12.G.4.1.4 Explain the central principles of the United States governmental system including written constitution, popular sovereignty, limited government, separation of powers, majority rule with minority rights, and federalism.	Covered throughout the course	
	9-12.G.4.2 Build an understanding of the organization and formation of the American system of government.	9-12.G.4.2.1 Identify the three branches of federal government, their powers, and responsibilities.	Covered throughout the course	
		9-12.G.4.2.2 Explain the functions, powers, interactions, and relationships among federal, state, local, and tribal governments.	Covered throughout the course	
		9-12.G.4.2.3 Analyze and explain sovereignty and the treaty/trust		

		relationship the United States has with American Indian tribes with emphasis on Idaho, such as hunting and fishing rights, and land leasing.		
		9-12.G.4.2.4 Analyze the role of political parties and other political organizations and their impact on the American system of government.	Constitutional Origins Constitutional Origins Constitutional Origins	Political Parties Nominations and Campaigns Elections Individual Political Participation
		9-12.G.4.2.5 Explain the electoral process at each level of government.	Political Participation Political Participation	Nominations and Campaigns Elections
	9-12.G.4.3 Build an understanding that all people in the United States have rights and assume responsibilities.	9-12.G.4.3.1 Explain the ways in which individuals become citizens and distinguish among obligations, responsibilities, and rights.		
		9-12.G.4.3.2 Explain the implications of dual citizenship with regard to American Indians		
		9-12.G.4.3.3 Identify the ways in which citizens can participate in the political process at the local, state, and national level.	Political Participation	Individual Political Participation
		9-12.G.4.3.4 Analyze and evaluate decisions about rights of individuals in landmark cases of the United States Supreme Court, including Gideon v. Wainwright, Miranda v. Arizona.	The Judicial Branch and Civil Rights and Liberties The Judicial Branch and Civil Rights and Liberties	Supreme Court History Civil Liberties
		9-12.G.4.4 Build an understanding of the evolution of democracy.	9-12.G.4.4.1 Analyze the struggles for the extension of civil rights.	The Judicial Branch and Civil Rights and Liberties

		9-12.G.4.4.2 Analyze and evaluate states' rights disputes past and present.		
		9-12.G.4.4.3 Provide and evaluate examples of the role of leadership in the changing relationship among the branches of American government.	Covered throughout the course	
		9-12.G.4.4.4 Discuss the interpretation and application of the United States Constitution.	Covered throughout the course	
	9-12.G.4.5 Build an understanding of comparative government.	No objectives in American Government.		
9-12.G.5 Students in American Government build an understanding of multiple perspectives and global interdependence.	9-12.G.5.1 Build an understanding of multiple perspectives and global interdependence.	9-12.G.5.1.1 Compare different forms of government, such as presidential with parliamentary, unitary with federal, democracy with dictatorship.	Introduction	Forms of Government
		9-12.G.5.1.2 Discuss the mutual impact of ideas, issues, and policies among nations, including environmental, economic, and humanitarian.	Covered throughout the course	
		9-12.G.5.1.3 Describe the characteristics of United States foreign policy and how it has been made and implemented over time.		
		9-12.G.5.1.4 Identify and evaluate the role of the United States in international organizations and agreements, such as United Nations, NAFTA, and the International Red Cross.		