



Alignment Document
State of Idaho and Aventa Learning Civics

Civics
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.	<p>The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1</p> <p>The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1</p> <p>The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1</p> <p>The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1</p>	<p>The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did come From?</p> <p>The Declaration of Independence</p> <p>Ethics of American Government</p> <p>Delegates to the Constitutional Convention</p>



			The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2	Summarizing; Defining the Government's Powers
		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.	The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1	The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did come From?
			The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1	The Declaration of Independence
			The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1	The Articles of Confederation
			The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1	Limitation of the Confederation
			The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
			The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1	Writing the Constitution
			The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1	The Bill of Rights
			The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1	Delegates to the Constitutional Convention
			The Foundations of	The American Idea of



			<p>the American Political System Part 2</p> <p>The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>Civic Life, Politics, and Government</p>	<p>Constitutional Government. Where did it come From?</p> <p>Bill of Rights: The First Amendment</p> <p>Division of Powers</p> <p>How Governments Work Together</p>
		<p>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.</p>	<p>Civic Life</p> <p>The Foundations of American Political System Part 1</p> <p>The Foundations of American Political System Part 1</p> <p>The Foundations of American Political System Part 1</p> <p>The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2</p> <p>The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2</p>	<p>The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions</p> <p>The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did it come From?</p> <p>The Declaration of Independence</p> <p>Delegates to the Constitutional Convention</p> <p>The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did it come From?</p> <p>Bill of Rights: The First Amendment</p>



		<p>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.</p>	<p>Civic Life</p> <p>Civic Life</p> <p>The Foundations of American Political System Part 1</p> <p>The Foundations of American Political System Part 1</p> <p>The Foundations of American Political System Part 1</p> <p>The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2</p> <p>The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2</p> <p>The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2</p> <p>The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2</p> <p>The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2</p>	<p>The Essential Characteristics of Limited and Unlimited Government</p> <p>The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions</p> <p>The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did it come From?</p> <p>The Declaration of Independence</p> <p>Delegates to the Constitutional Convention</p> <p>The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did it come From?</p> <p>The Bill of Rights</p> <p>Checks and Balances</p> <p>Origins of the Republic Dynamic and Flexible Constitution</p> <p>Changes in Government</p>
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			System Part 2	
	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.	The Foundations of American Political System Part 2	Three Branches of Government
		9-12.G.4.2.2 Explain the functions, powers, interactions, and relationships among federal, state, local, and tribal governments.	State – Local State – Local State – Local State – Local State – Local State – Local State – Local State – Local City Government City Government City Government	Division of Powers A Growing Nation State Constitutions The States and the Federal Government State Legislatures – Organization State Legislatures at Work Local Government County Governments Organization Three Forms of City Government How Governments Work Together



		<p>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.</p>	<p>State – Local State – Local State – Local State – Local State – Local State – Local State – Local State – Local State – Local City Government City Government City Government</p>	<p>Division of Powers A Growing Nation State Constitutions The States and the Federal Government State Legislatures – Organization State Legislatures at Work Local Government County Governments Organization Three Forms of City Government How Governments Work Together</p>
		<p>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.</p>	<p>Political Parties Political Parties Political Parties Political Parties</p>	<p>Beginnings of the Two-Party System The Democratic and Republican Parties One-Party Governments Local Party Organization</p>



		9-12.G.4.2.5 Explain the electoral process at each level of government.	Political Parties Political Parties Political Parties Political Parties	Local Party Organization The Right to Vote Primary Elections General 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.	State Government State Government	Citizen Action A Growing Nation
		9-12.G.4.3.2 Explain the implications of dual citizenship with regard to American Indians	State Government	Citizen Action
		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.	City Government	State Legislatures at Work
			City Government	Council-Manager Government
	City Government		Strong-Mayor Plan	
	City Government		Cooperation in Education	
	City Government		Commission Government	
	City Government		Government Competition	
	City Government		Governments/Together-Division of Powers	
		City Government	Mayor-Council Government	
		City Government	Three Forms of City Government	
		City Government	City Governments Working Together	



			Role of Political Parties State Government State Government State Government State Government	Political Party Organization State Legislatures - Qualifications, Terms, and Reimbursement County Governments Local Government Citizen Action
		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 Foundations of American Political System Part 2 The Foundations of American Political System Part 2	Three Branches of Government Checks and Balances
	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.	State - Local	Citizen Action
9-12.G.4.4.2 Analyze and evaluate states' rights disputes past and present.		State – Local State – Local State – Local State – Local	Division of Powers A Growing Nation The States and the Federal Government Citizen Action	
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.		The Foundations of American Political System Part 2 The Foundations of American Political System Part 2	Three Branches: Legislative Three Branches: Judicial	



			The Foundations of American Political System Part 2	Three Branches: Executive
			State Government	Unicameral House
			State Government	States and Federal Government
		9-12.G.4.4 Discuss the interpretation and application of the United States Constitution.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional Government
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	State Constitutions
			State Government	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
			The Foundations of American Political System Part 1	American Constitutional Government Origins
			The Foundations of American Political System Part 1	Origins of the Republic
			The Foundations of American Political System Part 1	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
			The Foundations of American Political	Goals of the Constitution

			System Part 1 The Foundations of American Political System Part 1	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
	9-12.G.4.5 Build an understanding of comparative government.	No objectives in American Government.	City Government	How Governments Work Together
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.	Civic Life	Alternative Ways of Organizing Constitutional Governments
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		9-12.G.5.1.2 Discuss the mutual impact of ideas, issues, and policies among nations, including environmental, economic, and humanitarian.	Civic Life	The Citizen's "Civil Life": Duties and Responsibilities Politics! Politics! Everywhere: Is There Meaning Anywhere?
			Civic Life	What is government? Why are government and politics necessary?
			Civic Life	Alternative Ways of Organizing Constitutional Governments
9-12.G.5.1.3 Describe the characteristics of United States foreign policy and how it has been made and implemented over time.	Civic Life	The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom		
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		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.	Civic Life Civic Life	The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom
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