



Alignment Document State of Kansas and Aventa Learning Civics

Civics 2005-2007 Benchmark Blueprint

Standards	Topics	Benchmarks	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
C The student uses a working knowledge and understanding of governmental systems of Kansas and the United States and other nations with an emphasis on the United States Constitution, the necessity for the rule of law, the civic values of the American people, and the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of becoming active participants in our representative democracy.	C.1 The student understands the rule of law as it applies to individuals; family; school; local, state and national governments.	C.1.1 evaluates the purposes and function of law.	City Government	Home rule
		C.1.2 analyzes how the rule of law can be used to protect the rights of individuals and to promote the common good (e.g., eminent domain, martial law during disasters, health and safety issues).	City Government Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Home rule The Rule of Law
		C.1.3 defines civic life, politics, and governments.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government Civic Life, Politics, and Government Civic Life, Politics, and Government Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Double Lives of the American Citizen The Citizen's "Civic Life": Duties and Responsibilities Politics! Politics! Everywhere: Is There Meaning Anywhere? What is government? Why are government and politics necessary?
		C.1.4 recognizes contracts may be verbal or legal agreements and are binding.	State Government	The Work of the State Courts
		C.1.5 defines and illustrates examples of torts (e.g., wrongful death, medical malpractice, defamation, personal injury, dignitary harms against a person, such as	Foundations of American System	Bill of Rights: The First Amendment

		bodily injury or civil rights violations).		
		C.1.6 defines and illustrates examples of misdemeanors and felonies (e.g. misdemeanors: traffic violation, small theft, trespassing; felonies: murder, sexual assault, large theft).	Civic Life, Politics, and Government State Government	The Citizen's "Civil Life: " Duties and Responsibilities State Courts
		C.1.7 explains Kansas court structure (e.g., Municipal Courts, District Courts, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court).	State Government State Government State Government State Government	Appeals Courts State Supreme Court General Trial Courts County Courts
	C.2 The student understands the shared ideals and diversity of American society and political culture.	C.2.1 recognizes that a nation's values are embodied in the Constitution, statutes, and important court cases (e.g., Scott v. Sanford, Plessy v. Ferguson, Brown v. Topeka Board of Education).	City Government Civic Life, Politics, and Government Civic Life, Politics, and Government Civic Life, Politics, and Government State Government Foundations of American System Foundations of American System Foundations of American System Foundations of	Home rule The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions Constitutional government Constitution State Constitutions Goals of the Constitution Change or the Experiment Will Fail Dynamic/Flexible Constitution King John and Magna Carta



			American System	
			Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
			Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
			Foundations of American System	American Constitutional Government Origins
		<p>C.2.2 understands core civic values inherent in the United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence that have been the foundation for unity in American society (e.g., right to free speech, religion, press, assembly; equality; human dignity; civic responsibility, sovereignty of the people).</p>	Foundations of American System	The Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Amendments
			Foundations of American System	Bill of Rights: The First Amendment
			Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
			Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
			Foundations of American System	The Second and Third Amendments
			Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
			Foundations of American System	Ethics of American Government
			Foundations of American System	American Constitutional Government Origins
			Foundations of American System	The Ninth and Tenth Amendments



			Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
			Foundations of American System	The Declaration of Independence
			Foundations of American System	The Fourth and Fifth Amendments
			Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
			Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
			State Government	State Constitutions
		C.2.3 examines the fundamental values and principles of the American political tradition as expressed in historic documents, speeches and events, and ways in which these value and principles conflict (e.g., equal opportunity and fairness v. affirmative action).	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Politics! Politics! Everywhere: Is There Meaning Anywhere?
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	What is government? Why are government and politics necessary?
			Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta
			Foundations of American System	The American idea of constitutional government.

			Foundations of American System	Where did it come from?
			Foundations of American System	The Declaration of Independence
			Foundations of American System	Writing the Constitution
			Foundations of American System	The Bill of Rights
			Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
			Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
	C.3 The student understands how the United States Constitution allocates power and responsibility in the government.	C.3.1 describes the purposes, organization, and functions of the three branches of government and independent regulatory agencies in relation to the United States Constitution.	Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
			Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
			Foundations of American System	American Constitutional Government Origins
			Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
			Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
			Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Executive
			Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta

			Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Judicial
			Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Legislative
			Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
			State Government	State Constitutions
			State Government	Unicameral House
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		C.3.2 explains Constitutional powers (e.g., expressed/enumerated, implied, inherent, reserved, concurrent).	Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
			Foundations of American System	American Constitutional Government Origins
			Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
			Foundations of American System	A Federal System
			Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
			Foundations of	King John and Magna Carta

			American System	
			Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
			Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
			State Government	State Constitutions
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		C.3.3 discusses that the United States Constitution has been able to sustain American government over time by the ability of the people to amend the document.	Foundations of American System	The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did it come From?
			Foundations of American System	A Dynamic and Flexible Constitution
	C.4 The student identifies and examines the rights, privileges, and responsibilities in becoming an active civic participant.	C.4.1 examines the role of political parties in channeling public opinion, allowing people to act jointly, nominating candidates, conducting campaigns, and training future leaders.	Role of Political Parties	One-Party Governments
			Role of Political Parties	Independent Candidates
			Role of Political Parties	Public Financing
			Role of Political Parties	Political Party Finances
			Role of Political	Third Parties



			Parties	
			Role of Political Parties	Party Committees
			Role of Political Parties	The Democratic and Republican Parties
		C.4.2 explains how public policy is formed and carried out at local, state, and national levels and what roles individuals and groups can play in the process.	City Government	State Legislatures at Work
			City Government	Governments/Together-Division of Powers
			City Government	Mayor-Council Government
			City Government	Other Forms of Cooperation
			City Government	Commission Government
			City Government	Three Forms of City Government
			City Government	City Governments Working Together
			City Government	Cooperation in Education
			City Government	Weak-Mayor Plan
			City Government	Government Competition
			City Government	Council-Manager Government
			City Government	Strong-Mayor Plan
			State Government	State Legislatures - Qualifications, Terms, and Reimbursement



			State Government	County Governments
			State Government	Local Government
		C.4.3 analyzes policies, actions, and issues regarding the rights of individuals to equal protection under the law.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Natural Rights
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom
			Foundations of American System	The Declaration of Independence
			Foundations of American System	Ethics of American Governments
			Foundations of American System	The Bill of Rights
		C.4.4 examines issues regarding political rights (e.g., to be an informed voter, participate in the political process, assume leadership roles).	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Citizen's "Civic Life": Duties and Responsibilities
		C.4.5 understands that civil disobedience is a form of protest and if taken to extreme, punishable by law.		
		C.4.6 analyzes issues regarding economic freedoms within the United States (e.g., free enterprise, rights of individual choice, government regulation).	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Capitalism

			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Free-Enterprise System
		C.4.7 explores issues regarding civic responsibilities of American citizens (e.g., obeying the law, paying taxes, voting, jury duty, serving our country, providing leadership, involvement in the political process).	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Citizen's "Civic Life": Duties and Responsibilities
		C.4.8 examines the role of interest groups and their impact on governmental policy.	Foundations of American System	Bill of Rights: The First Amendment
			State Government	Citizen Action
C.5 The student understands various systems of governments and how nations and international organizations interact.		C.5.1 compares various governmental systems with that of the United States government in terms of sovereignty, structure, function, decision-making processes, citizenship roles, and political culture and ideology (e.g., systems: Constitutional monarchy, parliamentary democracy, dictatorship, totalitarianism; ideology: fascism, socialism, communism).	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Essential Characteristics of Limited and Unlimited Government
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions cont.
			Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Alternative Ways of Organizing Constitutional Governments
			City Government	How Governments Work Together
			Foundations of American Systems	Goals of the Constitution
			Foundations of American Systems	A Federal System
		C.5.2 discusses the structure of international relations both regional and world-wide (e.g., trade, economic and defense alliances, regional security).		
		C.5.3 examines the purpose and functions of multi-national organizations (e.g., United Nations, NATO, International Red Cross).		
		C.5.4 explains the changing roles of the United States Government in the	Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution



		international community (e.g., treaties, NATO, UN, exploitative, altruistic, benign).	Foundations of American Systems	A Federal System
		C.5.5 examines a position concerning the use of various tools in carrying out United States foreign policy (e.g., trade sanctions, extension of the "most favored nation" status, military interventions).	State Government	Division of Powers
		C.5.6 examines the issues of social justice and human rights as expressed in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government Foundations of American System Foundations of American System Foundations of American System	Rule of Law The Declaration of Independence Bill of Rights: The First Amendment The Fourth and Fifth Amendments