



Alignment Document

State of Nevada And Aventa Learning Civics

Civics

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State Standard Number	State Standard Area / Description	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
C	Civics		
C.1.0	Students know why society needs rules, laws, and governments.		
0	Rules and Law		
C.1.12.1	Explain the concept of the rule of law in the establishment of the U.S. Constitution.	State Government	State Constitutions
		Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
		Foundations of American System	American Idea of Constitutional Government: Where did it come from?
		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	What is government? Why are government and politics necessary
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions



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		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Rule of Law
		City Government	Home rule
0	Documents		
C.1.12.2	Explain the influence of social contract theory, natural rights philosophy, and republicanism in the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the U.S. Constitution.	Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
		Foundations of American System	The Declaration of Independence
		Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta
		Foundations of American System	The United States as a Republic
		Foundations of American System	The Articles of Confederation
		Foundations of American System	American Idea of Constitutional Government: Where did it come from?
		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Ethics of American Government
		Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
		Foundations of American System	Limitation of the Confederation
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
C.1.12.3	Describe the historic influences on early U.S. documents, such as:		
C.1.12.3.a	Greek law		
C.1.12.3.b	Magna Carta	Foundations of American System	American Idea of Constitutional Government: Where did it come from?



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C.1.12.3.c	Iroquois League		
0	Democratic Participation		
C.1.12.4	Analyze the role of citizen participation in U.S. civic life.	State Government	Citizen Action
0	The U.S. Constitution and Amendments		
C.1.12.5	Identify and explain changes in the interpretation and application of the U.S. Constitution.	Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	American Idea of Constitutional Government: Where did it come from?
		Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
		State Government	State Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
C.2.0	Students know the United States Constitution and the government it creates.		
0	The U.S. Constitution		
C.2.12.1	Examine the organization of the U.S. Constitution and describe the structure it creates, including the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.	State Government	State Constitutions
		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
		Foundations of American System	American Idea of Constitutional Government: Where did it come from?
		Foundations of American System	Three Branches of Government



		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
0	The Legislative Structure and Process		
C.2.12.2	Describe the creation of laws through the legislative process.	Foundations of American System	Checks and Balances
0	Legislative Powers		
C.2.12.3	Analyze and give examples of the expansion of the national government through the application of the enumerated and implied powers.	State Government	State Legislatures - Organizations
		Foundations of American System	A Federal System
		Foundations of American System	Three Branches of Government
0	The Executive Branch		
C.2.12.4	Describe the duties of the executive branch, including:		
C.2.12.4.a	Cabinet/departments	Foundations of American System	Three Branches of Government
C.2.12.4.b	regulatory commissions	Foundations of American System	Three Branches of Government
C.2.12.4.c	White House staff	Foundations of American System	Three Branches of Government
0	The Judicial Branch		
C.2.12.5	Describe the structure and jurisdiction of the federal court system and analyze the power of judicial review.		
0	The Jury System		
C.2.12.6	Explain the importance of the jury process in a democratic society.		
0	Checks and Balances		
C.2.12.7	Analyze the effectiveness of checks and balances in maintaining the equal division of power.	Foundations of American System	Checks and Balances
C.3.0	Students can explain the relationship between the states and national government.		
0	Division of Powers		



C.3.12.1	Explain the U.S. Constitutional provisions for division of powers between the state and national governments (delegated, reserved, concurrent powers).	Foundations of American System	A Federal System
0	Federalism		
C.3.12.2	Provide contemporary example of federalism.	Foundations of American System	A Federal System
0	Constitutional Supremacy		
C.3.12.3	Use examples to illustrate the supremacy clause in defining the relationship between state and national governments.	Foundations of the American System	Summarizing Defining the Governments Powers
C.4.0	Students describe the roles of political parties, interest groups, and public opinion in the democratic process.		
0	Leaders and Elections		
C.4.12.1	Assess the processes by which leaders are selected in the U.S. political system and analyze the role of the electoral college system in the election of the President.	Role of Political Parties	Local Party Organization
0	Political Parties		
C.4.12.2	Analyze the roles and function of factions within political parties and the role of parties in public policy and politics.	Role of Political Parties	Party Committees
		Role of Political Parties	Third Parties
		Role of Political Parties	Political Party Finances
		Role of Political Parties	One-Party Governments
		Role of Political Parties	Public Financing
		Role of Political Parties	The Democratic and Republican Parties
0	Interest Groups		
C.4.12.3	Evaluate the significance of interest groups in the political process of a democratic society.		
0	Formation of Public Opinion		
C.4.12.4	Analyze the role that television and other media play in the process of political persuasion.		
0	Propaganda		
C.4.12.5	Evaluate propaganda in both historic and current political communication.		



0	Public Policy		
C.4.12.6	Describe the process by which public policy is formed and carried out.	Foundations of American System Part 2	Checks and Balances
C.5.0	Students know the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens and the symbols of our country.		
0	Citizenship		
C.5.12.1	Examine the rights of citizens and how these rights may be restricted.		Covered throughout the course
C.5.12.2	Examine the responsibilities of U.S. citizens.	State Government	Citizen Action
0	Symbols		
C.5.12.3	Explain symbols and documents of a nation and how they represent its identity.		
0	Individual Rights		
C.5.12.4	Describe the development of the Bill of Rights and provide a contemporary application.	Foundations of American System	The Fourth and Fifth Amendments
		Foundations of American System	The Ninth and Tenth Amendments
		Foundations of American System	The Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Amendments
		Foundations of American System	The Second and Third Amendments
		Foundations of American System	Bill of Rights: The First Amendment
C.5.12.5	Analyze the United States Constitution and its amendments in protecting individual rights, including the Fourteenth Amendment's provisions for due process and equal protection.	Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
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		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	American Idea of Constitutional Government: Where did it come from?
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
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		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		State Government	State Constitutions
0	Conflict and Resolution		
C.5.12.6	Identify major conflicts in social, political, and economic life and analyze the role of compromise in the resolution of these issues.		
0	The Supreme Court and Individual Rights Cases		
C.5.12.7	Describe the role of the United States Supreme Court as guardian of individual rights through the examination of landmark cases, including:		
C.5.12.7.a	Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka		
C.5.12.7.b	Gideon v. Wainwright		
C.5.12.7.c	Miranda v. Arizona		
C.5.12.7.d	Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District.		
C.6.0	Students know the structure and functions of state and local governments.		
0	Structure of State, Local, and Tribal Government		
C.6.12.1	Explain the structure and function of state and local governments.	State Government	State Legislatures - Qualifications, Terms, and Reimbursement
C.6.12.2	Describe the unique role of tribal governments within the United States.		
C.6.12.3	Compare and contrast the structure of the Nevada and United States Constitutions.		
0	Court Systems		
C.6.12.4	Describe the differences between the local, state, and federal court systems.	State Government	State Courts
C.7.0	Students explain the different political and economic systems in the world.		
0	Comparative Political Systems		



C.7.12.1	Summarize and evaluate the significant characteristics of the world's major political systems, including:		
C.7.12.1.a	monarchy		
C.7.12.1.b	totalitarian dictatorship	Political Parties	One Party System
C.7.12.1.c	presidential system	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Alternative Ways of organizing Constitutional Governments
C.7.12.1.d	parliamentary system	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Alternative Ways of organizing Constitutional Governments
C.7.12.1.e	communism	Political Parties	One Party System
0	Comparative Economic Systems		
C.7.12.2	Define and analyze the major economic systems of the world, including:		
C.7.12.2.a	capitalism	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom
C.7.12.2.b	mixed economy		
C.7.12.2.c	socialism		
C.7.12.2.d	command economy		
C.8.0	Students know the political and economic relationship of the United States and its citizens to other nations.		
0	From Individual to the World		
C.8.12.1	Analyze the conflict between U.S. policies of isolationism versus intervention in world affairs.		
0	Foreign Policy		
C.8.12.2	Identify and analyze the effectiveness of U.S. foreign policy in dealing with international problems and concerns including:		
C.8.12.2.a	diplomacy		
C.8.12.2.b	economic policy		
C.8.12.2.c	humanitarian aid		
C.8.12.2.d	military intervention		
0	International Organizations		
C.8.12.3	Critique the role of international organizations, such as the United Nations and non-governmental organizations, in world affairs.		