



Alignment Document State of Wyoming and Aventa Learning Civics

Civics

Standards	Benchmarks	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
1 Students demonstrate how structures of power, authority, and governance have developed historically and continue to evolve.	1.1 Students describe unique freedoms, rights, and responsibilities of living in a democratic society and explain their interrelationships.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Citizen's "Civil Life": Duties and Responsibilities
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Rule of Law
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Foundations of the American Political System	The Bill of Rights
		Foundations of the American Political System	Goals of the Constitution
	1.2 Students explain and/or demonstrate how to participate in the political processes and express personal beliefs and convictions.	Role of Political Parties	Local Party Organization
		1.3 Students explain the historical development of the U.S. Constitution and how it has shaped the U.S. and Wyoming governmental systems.	Foundations of American System
	Foundations of American System		American Constitutional Government Origins
	Foundations of American System		Change or the Experiment Will Fail
Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic		



		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta
		Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		State Government	State Legislatures - Qualifications, Terms, and Reimbursement
		State Government	State Constitutions
	1.4 Students demonstrate an understanding of the major distinguishing characteristics of the United States and Wyoming Constitutions.	Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
		Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta
		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
		State Government	State Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and	Constitutional government

		Government Civic Life, Politics, and Government Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
	1.5 Students demonstrate an understanding of the U.S. civil and criminal legal systems and distinguish differences between those systems.	State Government	State Courts
2 Students demonstrate an understanding of different cultures and how these cultures have contributed and continue to contribute to the world in which they live.	2.1 Students explain how various cultural influences impact society.	State Government	County Governments
	2.2 Students communicate how shared cultural experiences influence peoples' perceptions of prominent historical figures, groups, institutions, and world events.	Foundations of the American Political System Foundations of the American Political System	The Declaration of Independence Supporting the Constitution
3 Students demonstrate an understanding of economic principles and concepts and describe the influence of economic factors on individuals and societies.	3.1 Students explain how different economic systems are organized for production, distribution and consumption of goods and services.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom
	3.2 Students formulate solutions to economic problems.		
	3.3 Students describe the impacts of global economic interdependence.		
	3.4 Students demonstrate an understanding of economic principles that influence individual financial planning.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom
4 Students demonstrate an understanding of the people, events, problems, ideas, and cultures that were significant in the history of our community, state, nation and world.	4.1 Students analyze the interactions among individuals and groups and their impact on significant historical events.	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?
		Civic Life, Politics, and	The Rule of Law



		Government	
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Civil Society
		Political Parties	The Democratic and Republican Parties
		Political Parties	Third Parties
	4.2 Students analyze current events to better understand the world in which they live.	Foundations of the American Political System	The Declaration of Independence
		Foundations of the American Political System	Ethics of American Government
		Foundations of the American Political System	A Dynamic and Flexible Constitution
		Foundations of the American Political System	The Second and Third Amendments
		Political Parties	The Democratic and Republican Parties
	4.3 Students evaluate the impact of technology and how it has shaped history and influenced the modern world.	Political Parties	Voting
	4.4 Students explain how past events impact the present and the future.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	What is Government? Why are Government and Politics Necessary?
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Rule of Law
		Foundations of the American Political System	The Declaration of Independence
		Foundations of the American Political System	Ethics of American Government
		Foundations of the American	Summarizing: Defining the Government's



		Political System	Powers
		Foundations of the American Political System	Origins of the Republic
5 Students demonstrate an understanding of interrelationships among people, places, and environments.	5.1 Students interpret charts, maps, and graphs to answer questions dealing with people, places, events, or environments.	Foundations of the American Political System	Three Branches of Government
		Foundations of the American Political System	Checks and Balances
		State Government	Northwest Ordinance
		City Government	City Government Review Page
	5.2 Students analyze how physical characteristics of the earth and human interactions with the environment have affected the development of societies, cultures, and individuals.	State Government	County Governments
		City Government	Commission Government
	5.3 Students demonstrate an ability to organize and process information about people, places, and environments.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Essential Characteristics of Limited and Unlimited Government
Civic Life, Politics, and Government		The Civil Society	
Foundations of the American Political System		The Bill of Rights	
State Government		A Growing Nation	
State Government		State Legislatures – Organization	
State Government		Citizen Action	
	State Government	State Courts Continued	