



Alignment Document

State of Arizona And Aventa Learning Civics

Civics

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State Standard Number	State Standard Area / Description	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
3	Civics/Government		
3.1	Foundations of Government		
3.1.PO 1	Examine the foundations of democratic representative government:	Foundations of American System	American Constitutional Government Origins
3.1.PO 1.a	Greek direct democracy		
3.1.PO 1.b	Roman republic		
3.1.PO 2	Trace the English roots of American democracy:	Foundations of American System	American Constitutional Government Origins
3.1.PO 2.a	Magna Carta	Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta
3.1.PO 2.b	English Bill of Rights	Foundations of American System	William of Orange and Mary
3.1.PO 2.c	Representative government - Parliament, colonial assemblies, town meetings	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Alternative Ways of Organizing Constitutional Governments
3.1.PO 3	Describe the philosophical roots of American Democracy:	Foundations of American System	John Locke
3.1.PO 3.a	moral and ethical ideals from Judeo-Christian tradition	Foundations of American System	Ethics of American Government
3.1.PO 3.b	John Locke and social contract	Foundations of American System	John Locke
3.1.PO 3.c	Charles de Montesquieu and separation of powers	Foundations of American System	American Constitutional Government Origins

3.1.PO 4	Examine the fundamental principles (e.g., equality, natural rights of man, rule of law) in the Declaration of Independence.	Foundations of American System	The Declaration of Independence
		Foundations of American System	Ethics of American Government
3.2	Structure of Government		
3.2.PO 1	Analyze why the weak central government and limited powers of the Articles of Confederation demonstrated the need for the Constitution.	Foundations of American System	The Articles of Confederation
		Foundations of American System	Limitation of the Confederation
3.2.PO 2	Analyze the creation of United States Constitution:	Foundations of American System	Delegates to the Constitutional Convention
3.2.PO 2.a	representative government as developed by the Great Compromise and the Three-Fifths Compromise	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		Foundations of American System	American Constitutional Government Origins
		Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
		Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
		Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		State Government	State Constitutions



3.2.PO 2.b	Federalism	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
		Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	American Constitutional Government Origins
		Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
		State Government	State Constitutions
3.2.PO 2.c	Separation of Powers/Checks and Balances	Foundations of American System	Checks and Balances
		Foundations of American System	American Constitutional Government Origins
		Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
		Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta
		Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		State Government	State Constitutions



3.2.PO 2.d	Judicial Review	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
		Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		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	King John and Magna Carta
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		State Government	State Constitutions
3.2.PO 2.e	Amendment Process	Foundations of American System	Federal Government Powers
3.2.PO 3	Examine the United States federal system of government:	Foundations of American System	A Federal System
3.2.PO 3.a	powers of the national government	Foundations of American System	Federal Government Powers
3.2.PO 3.b	powers of the state governments	Foundations of American System	State Government Powers
3.2.PO 3.c	powers of the people	State Government	Local Government
		State Government	County Governments
		City Government	Cooperation in Education
		City Government	Other Forms of Cooperation
		City Government	Three Forms of City Government
		City Government	City Governments Working Together
		City Government	State Legislatures at Work
		City Government	Government Competition
3.2.PO 4	Describe the steps leading to the adoption of the Constitution:	Foundations of American System	Writing the Constitution
3.2.PO 4.a	Federalist and Anti-Federalist positions (e.g., The Federalist Papers)	Foundations of American System	Supporting the Constitution



3.2.PO 4.b	Bill of Rights	Foundations of American System	The Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Amendments
		Foundations of American System	Bill of Rights: The First Amendment
		Foundations of American System	The Ninth and Tenth Amendments
		Foundations of American System	The Second and Third Amendments
		Foundations of American System	The Fourth and Fifth Amendments
3.2.PO 4.c	ratification	Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
		Foundations of American System	The Constitution Is Ratified
		Foundations of American System	Delegates to the Constitutional Convention
		Foundations of American System	The Bill of Rights
		Foundations of American System	Writing the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Supporting the Constitution
		State Government	State Constitutions
3.2.PO 5	Analyze the structure, powers, and roles of the legislative branch of the United States government:	Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Legislative
3.2.PO 5.a	specific powers delegated in Article I of the Constitution	Foundations of American System	A Federal System
3.2.PO 5.b	role of competing factions and development of political parties	Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Legislative
3.2.PO 5.b	role of competing factions and development of political parties	State Government	Unicameral House
3.2.PO 5.c	lawmaking process	State Government	Passing State Laws
3.2.PO 5.d	different roles of Senate and House		
3.2.PO 5.e	election process and types of representation	Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Legislative
		State Government	Unicameral House
		Role of Political Parties	Local Party Organization
3.2.PO 5.f	influence of staff, lobbyists, special interest groups and political action committees (PACs)	Role of Political Parties	Third Parties
		Role of Political Parties	Public Financing
		Role of Political Parties	One-Party Governments
		Role of Political Parties	Party Committees

		Role of Political Parties	The Democratic and Republican Parties
		Role of Political Parties	Political Party Finances
		Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Legislative
		State Government	Unicameral House
3.2.PO 6	Analyze the structure, powers, and roles of the executive branch of the United States government:	Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Executive
3.2.PO 6.a	specific powers delegated in Article II of the Constitution	Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Executive
3.2.PO 6.b	roles and duties of the president	Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Executive
3.2.PO 6.c	development and function of the executive branch, including the cabinet and federal bureaucracy	Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Executive
3.2.PO 6.d	election of the president through the nomination process, national conventions, and electoral college	Role of Political Parties	Local Party Organization
3.2.PO 7	Analyze the structure, powers, and roles of the judicial branch of the United States government, including landmark United States Supreme Court decisions:	Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Judicial
3.2.PO 7.a	specific powers delegated by the Constitution in Article III	Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Judicial
3.2.PO 7.b	judicial review developed in Marbury v. Madison, McCulloch v. Maryland, and Gibbons v. Ogden		
3.2.PO 7.c	dual court system of state and federal courts	State Government	General Trial Courts
		State Government	County Courts
		State Government	Appeals Courts
		State Government	State Supreme Court
3.2.PO 8	Analyze the structure, power, and organization of Arizona's government as expressed in the Arizona Constitution:		
3.2.PO 8.a	direct democracy by initiative, referendum, and recall processes	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		State Government	State Constitutions



3.2.PO 8.b	election process such as redistricting, (e.g., gerrymandering, clean elections), voter registration, and primaries	Role of Political Parties	Local Party Organization
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		State Government	State Constitutions
3.2.PO 8.c	the structure and processes of Arizona's legislature	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		State Government	State Constitutions
		State Government	Unicameral House
3.2.PO 8.d	the roles of the Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General, and Superintendent of Public Instruction	State Government	State Constitutions
		State Government	The State Executive Branch
		State Government	Other State Executive Officials
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Three Branches: Executive
3.2.PO 8.e	appointment and continuing election of judges.	State Government	County Courts
		State Government	Appeals Courts
		State Government	State Constitutions
		State Government	State Supreme Court
		State Government	General Trial Courts
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
3.2.PO 9	Analyze the forms, structure, powers and roles of local government:	State Government	Local Government
3.2.PO 9.a	county government, boards of supervisors, sheriffs, county attorneys, and others	City Government	Three Forms of City Government
		City Government	Commission Government
		City Government	Cooperation in Education
		City Government	Mayor-Council Government
		City Government	Council-Manager Government
		City Government	Other Forms of Cooperation
		City Government	Weak-Mayor Plan
		City Government	Governments/Together-Division of Powers
		City Government	City Governments Working Together



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		City Government	State Legislatures at Work
		City Government	Government Competition
		State Government	Local Government
		State Government	County Governments
3.2.PO 9.b	mayor, council, city manager, and other city officials	State Government	County Governments
		State Government	Local Government
		City Government	Strong-Mayor Plan
		City Government	State Legislatures at Work
		City Government	Government Competition
		City Government	Three Forms of City Government
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		City Government	Cooperation in Education
		City Government	Mayor-Council Government
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		City Government	Other Forms of Cooperation
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		City Government	Governments/Together-Division of Powers
		City Government	City Governments Working Together
3.2.PO 9.c	issues of large urban area governments (e.g., transportation, zoning growth management and funding, urban planning, water and sanitation, pollution, annexation)	City Government	Government Competition
		City Government	Strong-Mayor Plan
		City Government	State Legislatures at Work
		City Government	Three Forms of City Government
		City Government	Commission Government
		City Government	Cooperation in Education
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		State Government	County Governments
		State Government	Local Government

3.2.PO 9.d	special districts, governance funding and purpose (e.g., school, sanitation, water, fire, library, community college)	State Government	Local Government
		State Government	County Governments
		City Government	Weak-Mayor Plan
		City Government	Governments/Together-Division of Powers
		City Government	City Governments Working Together
		City Government	Strong-Mayor Plan
		City Government	State Legislatures at Work
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3.2.PO 10	Examine the sovereignty of tribal governments and their relationship to state and federal governments (e.g., jurisdiction, land use, water and mineral rights, gaming pacts).		
3.2.PO 11	Identify other forms of government under U.S. federal auspices (e.g., protectorates, territories, federal districts).		
3.3	Functions of Government		
3.3.PO 1	Analyze the functions of government as defined in the Preamble to the Constitution.	Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
3.3.PO 2	Examine how the Constitution guarantees due process of law through Constitutional mandates and Amendments.	Foundations of American System	The Bill of Rights
3.3.PO 2.a	Constitutional mandates (e.g., the right of habeas corpus, no bill of attainder, and the prohibition of ex post facto laws)	Foundations of American System	The Bill of Rights



3.3.PO 2.b	Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Amendments	Foundations of American System	The Fourth and Fifth Amendments
		Foundations of American System	The Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Amendments
		Foundations of American System	Bill of Rights: The First Amendment
		Foundations of American System	The Ninth and Tenth Amendments
		Foundations of American System	The Second and Third Amendments
3.3.PO 2.c	protection provided by the Fourteenth Amendment		
3.3.PO 3	Examine various sources of government funding:		
3.3.PO 3.a	federal - income tax, duties , excise taxes, corporate tax		
3.3.PO 3.b	state - income tax, sales tax		
3.3.PO 3.c	local - property tax, sales tax		
3.3.PO 4	Describe the regulatory functions of government pertaining to consumer protection, environment, health, labor, transportation, and communication.		
3.3.PO 5	Describe the factors and processes that determine major domestic policies (e.g., Social Security, education, health care, parks, environmental protection).		
3.4	Rights, Responsibilities, and Roles of Citizenship		
3.4.PO 1	Analyze basic individual rights and freedoms guaranteed by Amendments and laws:	Foundations of American System	The Bill of Rights
3.4.PO 1.a	freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition in the First Amendment	Foundations of American System	The Bill of Rights
3.4.PO 1.b	right to bear arms in the Second Amendment	Foundations of American System	The Bill of Rights
3.4.PO 1.c	Ninth Amendment and guarantee of people's unspecified rights	Foundations of American System	The Second and Third Amendments
		Foundations of American System	The Fourth and Fifth Amendments
		Foundations of American System	The Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Amendments



		Foundations of American System	Bill of Rights: The First Amendment
		Foundations of American System	The Ninth and Tenth Amendments
3.4.PO 1.d	civil rights in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendments		
3.4.PO 1.e	voting rights in the Fifteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, and Twenty-sixth Amendments; Native American citizenship and voting rights (Arizona, 1948); Voting Rights Act of 1965	State Government	Citizen Action
3.4.PO 1.f	conflicts which occur between rights (e.g., the tensions between the right to a fair trial and freedom of the press, and between majority rule and individual rights)		
3.4.PO 1.g	right to work laws	City Government	Home rule
3.4.PO 2	Define citizenship according to the Fourteenth Amendment.	State Government	Citizen Action
3.4.PO 3	Examine the basic political, social responsibilities of citizenship:	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Duties and Responsibilities
3.4.PO 3.a	connections between self-interest, the common good, and the essential element of civic virtue (e.g., George Washington's Farewell Speech), volunteerism	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Duties and Responsibilities
3.4.PO 3.b	obligations of upholding the Constitution	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Duties and Responsibilities
3.4.PO 3.c	obeying the law, serving on juries, paying taxes, voting, and military service	Role of Political Parties	Voting
3.4.PO 3.d	analyzing public issues, policy making, and evaluating candidates	Role of Political Parties	Independent Candidates
3.4.PO 4	Demonstrate the skills and knowledge (e.g., group problem solving, public speaking, petitioning and protesting) needed to accomplish public purposes.		
3.4.PO 5	Describe the role and influence of political parties, interest groups, and mass media:		

3.4.PO 5.a	political perspectives (e.g., liberalism, conservatism, progressivism, libertarianism)		
3.4.PO 5.b	influence of interest groups, lobbyists, and PAC's on elections, the political process and policy making		
3.4.PO 5.c	influence of the mass media on elections, the political process and policy making		
3.5	Government Systems of the World		
3.5.PO 1	Compare the United States system of politics and government to other systems of the world (e.g., monarchies, dictatorship, theocracy, oligarchy, parliamentary, unitary, proportional elections).	Role of Political Parties	One-Party Governments
3.5.PO 2	Describe factors (e.g., trade, political tensions, sanctions, terrorism) that influence United States foreign policy.		
3.5.PO 3	Describe world governmental and non-governmental organizations (e.g., the United Nations and its agencies, NATO, the European Union, the International Red Cross).		