



Alignment Document

State of Connecticut And Aventa Learning Civics

Civics 2005-2007 Benchmark Blueprint

State Standard Number	State Standard Area / Description	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
0	Civics and Government		
5	Students will apply knowledge of the U. S. Constitution, how the U. S. system of government works and how the rule of law and the value of liberty and equality have an impact on individual, local, state and national decisions.		
5.1	apply an understanding of historical and contemporary conflicts over Constitutional principles;	Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
		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	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta
		Political Parties	Beginning of the Two Party System
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		State Government	State Constitutions



5.2	analyze historical and contemporary conflicts through the respective roles of local, state and national governments;	City Government	How Governments work together
		City Government	Three Forms of City Government
		City Government	City Governments Working Together
		City Government	City Government Review Page
		City Government	Council-Manager Government
		City Government	Mayor-Council Government
		City Government	Cooperation in Education
		City Government	Commission Government
		City Government	State Legislatures at Work
		State Government	County Governments
		State Government	Local Government
		State Government	State Legislatures at Work
5.3	explain how the design of the U.S. Constitution is intended to balance and check the powers of the branches of government;	Foundations of American System	Three Branches of Government
		Foundations of American System	The American Idea of Constitutional government. Where did it come from?
		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Checks and Balances
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Alternative Ways of Organizing constitutional governments
		State Government	State Constitutions
5.4	analyze, using historical and contemporary examples, the meaning and significance of the ideal of equal protection under the law for all persons;	The Citizen's Civil Life	Duties and Responsibilities



5.5	explain why state and federal court powers of judicial review reflect the United States idea of constitutional government; and	State Government	State Courts
		State Government	State Constitutions
		Foundations of American System	The American Idea of Constitutional government. Where did it come from?
		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Alternative Ways of Organizing constitutional governments
5.6	evaluate the contemporary roles of political parties, associations, media groups and public opinion in local, state and national politics.	Political Parties	Public Financing
		Political Parties	One-Party Governments
		Political Parties	Political Party Finances
		Political Parties	Party Committees
		Political Parties	The Democratic and Republican Parties
		Political Parties	Third Parties
		City Government	City Governments Working Together
		City Government	Commission Government
		City Government	Three Forms of City Government
		City Government	Other Forms of Cooperation
		City Government	Governments/Together-Division of Powers
		City Government	Cooperation in Education
		City Government	Government Competition
		City Government	State Legislatures at Work
		State Government	County Governments
		State Government	State Legislatures at Work
		State Government	Local Government



6	Students will demonstrate knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of citizens to participate in and shape public policy, and contribute to the maintenance of our democratic way of life.		
6.1	evaluate whether or when their obligations as citizens require that their personal desires, beliefs and interests be subordinated to the public good;	State Government	Citizen Action
6.2	identify and explain characteristics needed for effective participation in public life;	The Citizen's Civil Life	Duties and Responsibilities
6.3	establish, explain and apply criteria to evaluate rules and laws;	City Government	Home rule
6.4	monitor and influence the formation and implementation of policy through various forms of participation; and		
6.5	take a position on a current policy issue and attempt to influence its formation, development and implementation.	Political Parties	The Democratic and Republican Parties
7	Students will explain that political systems emanate from the need of humans for order, leading to compromise and the establishment of authority.		
7.1	evaluate the importance of developing self-government so as to restrict arbitrary power;	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Limited Government and Political to Political and Economic Freedom
7.2	analyze and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of limited and unlimited government;	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Limited and Unlimited Government
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Civil Society
		Foundations of American System	John Locke
		Foundations of American System	The Federal system
7.3	compare two or more constitutions and how they promote the principles of their respective political systems and provide the basis for government;	Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Alternative Ways of Organizing constitutional governments
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions



7.4	describe how constitutions may limit government in order to protect individual rights and promote the common good;	Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Alternative ways of organizing constitutional governments
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Limited and Unlimited Government
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Civil Society
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of constitutions
7.5	explain how purposes served by government have implications for the individual and society; and	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Double Lives of American Citizens
7.6	provide examples of legitimate authority and exercise of power without authority.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	What is government? Why are government and politics necessary?
8	Students will demonstrate an understanding of how the major elements of international relations and world affairs affect their lives and the security and well-being of their community, state and nation.		
8.1	describe how the United States influences other governments and international organizations and how the United States, in turn, is influenced by them;	Foundations of the American Political System	Summarizing; defining the government's power
8.2	analyze and evaluate the significance of major U. S. foreign policies and major international events and conditions over time;		
8.3	develop proposals regarding solutions to significant international, political, economic, demographic or environmental issues;	City Government	City Governments Working Together
8.4	analyze the respective roles of the executive and legislative branches in developing and implementing foreign policy;	State Government	Unicameral House
		Foundations of American System	Three Branches of Government



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8.5	identify and analyze the various domestic, political, economic and social interests which play roles in the development of foreign policy; and	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom
8.6	describe and analyze the process by which foreign policy decisions are developed and executed.		