



Alignment Document

State of Florida And Aventa Learning Civics

Civics

2005-2007 Benchmark Blueprint

| State Standard Number | State Standard Area / Description | Unit Name | Course Topic Description |
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| SS.C | Government and the Citizen [Civics and Government] | | |
| SS.C.1.4 | The student understands the structure, functions, and purposes of government and how the principles and values of American democracy are reflected in American constitutional government. | | |
| SS.C.1.4.1 | understands the nature of political authority and the nature of the relationship between government and civil society in limited governments (e.g. constitutional democracies) and unlimited governments (e.g. totalitarian regimes). | Civic Life, Politics, and Government | Limited and Unlimited Government |
| | | Civic Life, Politics, and Government | The Civil Society |
| | | Foundations of American System | John Locke |
| SS.C.1.4.2 | understands the ideas that led to the creation of limited government in the United States (e.g., ideas of natural rights philosophy, and the concept of popular sovereignty). | Foundations of American System | John Locke |
| | | Civic Life, Politics, and Government | Limited and Unlimited Government |
| | | Civic Life, Politics, and Government | The Civil Society |

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| SS.C.1.4.3 | understands how the overall design and specific features of the Constitution prevent the abuse of power by aggregating power at the national, state, and local levels; dispersing power among different levels of government; and using a system of checks and balances (e.g., 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 | Origins of the Republic |
| | | Foundations of American System | Change or the Experiment Will Fail |
| | | Foundations of American System | Dynamic/Flexible Constitution |
| | | 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 | Checks and Balances |
| | | State Government | State Constitutions |
| SS.C.1.4.4 | understands the role of special interest groups, political parties, the media, public opinion, and majority/minority conflicts on the development of public policy and the political process. | 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 |
| | | Role of Political Parties | Third Parties |
| | | Role of Political Parties | Public Financing |

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| SS.C.2.4 | The student understands the role of the citizen in American democracy. | | |
| SS.C.2.4.1 | develops and defines his or her own political beliefs and tendencies. | Civic Life, Politics, and Government | The Double Lives of the American Citizen |
| SS.C.2.4.2 | assesses the role that his or her own political behavior plays in determining the flow of power through our political system and for resolving conflicts in a pluralistic society. | Civic Life, Politics, and Government | Duties and Responsibilities |
| SS.C.2.4.3 | understands issues of personal concern: the rights and responsibilities of the individual under the U.S. Constitution, the importance of civil liberties, the role of conflict resolution and compromise, and issues involving ethical behavior in politics. | 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 |
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| | | Foundations of American System | Dynamic/Flexible Constitution |
| | | State Government | State Constitutions |
| SS.C.2.4.4 | understands the distinction between citizens and noncitizens (aliens) and the process by which aliens may become citizens. | State Government | Citizen Action |

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| SS.C.2.4.5 | understands how personal, political, and economic rights are secured by constitutional government and by such means as the rule of law, checks and balances, an independent judiciary, and a vigilant citizenry. | Civic Life, Politics, and Government | The Rule of Law |
| SS.C.2.4.6 | understands the argument that personal, political, and economic rights reinforce each other. | Civic Life, Politics, and Government | Limited Government and Political/Economic Freedom |
| SS.C.2.4.7 | knows the points at which citizens can monitor or influence the process of public policy formation. | State Government | Citizen Action |