



Alignment Document  
 State of South Dakota and Aventa Learning American Government  
**American Government**

Indicators	Standards	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
<b>9-12.C.1</b> Analyze forms and purposes of government in relationship to the needs of citizens and societies including the impact of historical events, ideals, and documents.	<b>9-12.C.1.1</b> Students are able to explain the characteristics of various forms of government.	Origins	Foundations
		Principles	Structure
	<b>9-12.C.1.1.A</b> Geographic distribution of power		
	<b>9-12.C.1.1.B</b> The relationship between the legislative and executive branches	Origins	Constitution
		Principles	Structure
	<b>9-12.C.1.1.C</b> The number of citizens who may participate	Origins	Constitution
		Principles	Amendments
	<b>9-12.C.1.2</b> Students are able to determine the influence of major historical documents and ideals on the formation of the United States government.	Origins	Foundations
		Origins	Colonial Government
		Origins	1 <sup>st</sup> Government
		Origins	Constitution
	<b>9-12.C.1.3</b> Students are able to identify the principles of the American Constitution.	Origins	Constitution
Principles		Structure	
Principles		Principles	
Principles		Federalism	
<b>9-12.C.1.3.A</b> Separation of Powers/Checks and Balances	Origins	Constitution	



	Legislative	Structure
	Legislative	Powers
	Executive	Structure
	Executive	Powers
	Judicial	Structure
<b>9-12.C.1.3.B</b> Federalism-division of power among national, state, local, and tribal	Origins	Constitution
<b>9-12.C.1.3.C</b> Limited Government (Rule of law/Constitutionalism)	Origins	Constitution
<b>9-12.C.1.3.D</b> Popular Sovereignty	Origins	Constitution
<b>9-12.C.1.3.E</b> Judicial review	Judicial	Action
	Judicial	History
<b>9-12.C.1.3.F</b> Amendment process	Principles	Failed Amendments
	Principles	Amendments
	Principles	Changing the Constitution
<b>9-12.C.1.3.G</b> Rationale for constitutional amendments and the conflicts they address	Origins	Foundations
	Origins	Constitution
	Origins	Federalist Papers
	Principles	Structure
	Principles	Changing the Constitution
<b>9-12.C.1.4</b> Students are able to explain the principles of American democracy.	Origins	Foundations
	Principles	Structure
	Principles	Principles



		Principles	Federalism
<b>9-12.C.1.4.A</b> Fundamental worth of the individual		Origins	Foundations
		Origins	Colonial Government
		Origins	Revolution
<b>9-12.C.1.4.B</b> Equality of all persons		Origins	Foundations
		Origins	Revolution
		Origins	Federalist Papers
<b>9-12.C.1.4.C</b> Majority rule/minority rights		Origins	Foundations
		Origins	Constitution
		Origins	Federalist Papers
<b>9-12.C.1.4.D</b> Necessity of compromise		Origins	1 <sup>st</sup> Government
		Origins	Constitution
		Origins	Federalist Papers
<b>9-12.C.1.4.E</b> Individual freedom		Origins	Foundations
		Origins	Revolution
		Origins	Federalist Papers
<b>9-12.C.1.5</b> Students are able to describe the state, local, and tribal governments with emphasis on their structures, functions, and powers.			
<b>9-12.C.1.5.A</b> State			
<b>9-12.C.1.5.B</b> Local - divisions (county, city, townships)			
<b>9-12.C.1.5.C</b> Tribes - reservations, tribal constitutions, governments			



	<b>9-12.C.1.6</b> Students are able to describe the elements of how U.S. foreign policy is created.	Origins Legislative Executive Executive Executive Executive	Constitution Powers Structure Powers History Departments
<b>9-12.C.2</b> Analyze the constitutional rights and responsibilities of United States citizens.	<b>9-12.C.2.1</b> Students are able to describe the means of influencing and/or participating in a republic.	Legislative Participation Participation Participation	Informed Voters Parties Campaigns Elections
	<b>9-12.C.2.1.A</b> Describe the roles of the citizen in the legislative and electoral process	Origins Legislative Participation Participation Participation	Constitution Informed Voters Parties Campaigns Elections
	<b>9-12.C.2.1.B</b> Describe the benefits, duties, and responsibilities of citizenship in the United States.	Origins Principles Principles Principles	Constitution Principles Federalism Amendments
	<b>9-12.C.2.1.C</b> Explain the nature and functions of major and minor political parties, interest	Participation	Parties



	groups, and media on the political process.	Participation	Campaigns
		Participation	Elections
	<b>9-12.C.2.1.D</b> Describe the campaign and election process for national, state, and local offices.	Participation	Parties
		Participation	Campaigns
		Participation	Elections
	<b>9-12.C.2.1.E</b> Describe the Electoral College process.	Origins	Constitution
		Participation	Elections
	<b>9-12.C.2.2</b> Students are able to interpret the meaning of basic constitutional rights guaranteed to citizens.	Origins	Constitution
		Principles	Amendments
	<b>9-12.C.2.2.A</b> Bill of Rights and other amendments	Origins	Constitution
		Principles	Amendments
	<b>9-12.C.2.3</b> Students are able to describe the process of naturalization.	Origins	Constitution
	<b>9-12.C.2.3.A</b> Describe the benefits, duties, and responsibilities of citizenship in the United States.	Origins	Constitution
		Principles	Principles
		Principles	Federalism
		Principles	Amendments