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American Government
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State Standard Number	State Standard Area / Description	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
C.12	Political Science and Citizenship: Power, Authority, Governance, and Responsibility	Principles	Structure
		Principles	Principles
		Origins	Constitution
C.12.1	Identify the sources, evaluate the justification, and analyze the implications of certain rights and responsibilities of citizens	Origins	Foundations
		Origins	Constitution
		Principles	Principles
		Principles	Amendments
C.12.2	Describe how different political systems define and protect individual human rights	Origins	Foundations
		Principles	Structure
		Principles	Principles
		Principles	Federalism
C.12.3	Trace how legal interpretations of liberty, equality, justice, and power, as identified in the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and other Constitutional Amendments, have changed and evolved over time	Origins	Foundations
		Origins	Colonial Government
		Origins	1 st Government
		Origins	Constitution
		Origins	Federalist Papers
		Principles	Failed Amendments
		Principles	Amendments



C.12.4	Explain the multiple purposes of democratic government, analyze historical and contemporary examples of the tensions between those purposes, and illustrate how governmental powers can be acquired, used, abused, or legitimized	Origins Principles Legislative Legislative Executive Executive Executive Judicial Judicial Judicial Judicial	Constitution Amendments Structure Powers Structure Powers History Structure Action History Liberties Rights
C.12.5	Analyze different theories of how governmental powers might be used to help promote or hinder liberty, equality, and justice, and develop a reasoned conclusion	Origins Origins Origins Principles Principles Principles	Foundations Constitution Founders Structure Principles Federalism
C.12.6	Identify and analyze significant political benefits, problems, and solutions to problems related to federalism and the separation of powers	Origins Principles Legislative Executive Judicial	Constitution Federalism Powers Powers Action
C.12.7	Describe how past and present American political parties and interest groups have gained or lost influence on political decision-making and voting behavior	Legislative Participation Participation Participation	Informed Voters Parties Campaigns Elections



C.12.8	Locate, organize, analyze, and use information from various sources to understand an issue of public concern, take a position, and communicate the position	Legislative Executive Judicial	Bills Departments Action
C.12.9	Identify and evaluate the means through which advocates influence public policy.	Legislative Participation Participation Participation	Informed Voters Parties Campaigns Elections
C.12.10	Identify ways people may participate effectively in community affairs and the political process	Legislative Participation Participation Participation	Informed Voters Parties Campaigns Elections
C.12.11	Evaluate the ways in which public opinion can be used to influence and shape public policy	Legislative Legislative Executive Executive Judicial Judicial	Informed Voters Bills History Departments Action History
C.12.12	Explain the United States' relationship to other nations and its role in international organizations, such as the United Nations, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and North American Free Trade Agreement	Economics Economics	Systems Money
C.12.13	Describe and evaluate ideas of how society should be organized and political power should be exercised, including the ideas of monarchism, anarchism, socialism, fascism, and communism; compare these ideas to those of representative democracy; and assess how such ideas have worked in practice	Origins Principles Principles	Foundations Structure Principles
C.12.14	Explain and analyze how different political and social movements have sought to mobilize public opinion and obtain governmental support in order to achieve their goals	Legislative Participation Participation	Informed Voters Parties Campaigns



		Participation	Elections
C.12.15	Describe and analyze the origins and consequences of slavery, genocide, and other forms of persecution, including the Holocaust		
C.12.16	Describe the evolution of movements to assert rights by people with disabilities, ethnic and racial groups, minorities, and women.		