

Unit	Lesson	Lesson Objectives
Community, Values, and Civic Engagement		
What Is Civics?		
Compare federal and state court systems.		
Describe the organization of the United States judicial system.		
Explain how the Supreme Court uses judicial review to determine constitutionality.		
Personal and Civic Identities		
Describe characteristics that affect one's identity.		
Describe how diversity influences our nation and its culture.		
Explain the concept of intersectionality.		
Individuals and Civic Engagement		
Describe ways to become involved in a community.		
Explain strategies used by groups to influence change in US institutions.		
Explain the characteristics of civic institutions.		
Citizenship, Residency, and Individuals		
Describe the paths to US citizenship.		
Explain the rights, duties, and responsibilities of citizenship.		
Identify the types of US citizenship.		
Media Literacy: Reliability and Relevance		
Describe factors that make a source reliable and relevant.		
Distinguish between reliable and unreliable sources.		
Explain methods to determine the reliability and relevance of online sources.		
Our Democratic Roots		
Declaration of Human Rights		
Rights, Limits, and Early Democracy		
Describe democracy.		
Explain how the governments of ancient Athens and the Roman Republic influenced the US government.		
Comparing Ideas of the Enlightenment		
Analyze the contributions of Enlightenment thinkers to the US system of government.		
Describe the expansion of the term "equality" from its use by Enlightenment thinkers to today.		
Explain the influence of Enlightenment ideals on US frameworks of government.		
Early Governments		
Analyze the roles of the Iroquois during the colonial era.		
Analyze the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.		
Explain how British ideas influenced political institutions in colonial America.		

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Constitution and Compromise

- Compare ideas of the Federalists and the Anti-federalists.
- Describe events leading up to the Constitutional Convention.
- Describe the compromises of the Constitutional Convention.

Compromise and Discourse Today

- Describe appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication to use in discourse.
- Explain the relationship between discourse and compromise.

The Constitution

Ideals of the Constitution

We the People

- Analyze the preamble of the Constitution.
- Describe the structure of the Constitution.
- Explain principles outlined in the Constitution.

Freedom of Expression

- Identify the purpose of the Bill of Rights.
- Explain the freedoms and rights protected under the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights.

Defendants' Rights

- Analyze the Supreme Court's interpretations of the rights of the accused.
- Describe individual rights and protections found in the Bill of Rights.
- Explain how the Bill of Rights guarantees protections for the accused.

Equal Protections under the Law

- Analyze how constitutional amendments have affected minority groups' political participation in the US.
- Describe the process for amending the Constitution.
- Explain the significance of key constitutional amendments that expanded rights.

Media Literacy: Lateral Reading

- Compare lateral and vertical reading strategies.
- Describe lateral reading.
- Use lateral reading to check the validity of a source.

People and Their Government

A Day in the Life

Federalism: A Balancing Act

- Compare the powers of government at federal and state levels.
- Describe enumerated, reserved, and concurrent powers.
- Explain the concept of federalism.

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		<p>Legislative Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze how Congress represents the people. Describe the powers of Congress. Describe the structure of Congress. Explain the lawmaking process. <p>Executive Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the powers and responsibilities of the executive branch. Describe the roles and responsibilities of the president. Explain the requirements for president as established by Article II. <p>Judicial Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare federal and state court systems. Describe the organization of the United States judicial system. Explain how the Supreme Court uses judicial review to determine constitutionality. <p>State and Local Governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare the structures of federal, state, and local governments. Explain the relationship of local governments to state governments. Identify the level of government responsible for resolving an issue. <p>Follow the Money: Local Budgets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe a plan to address a local budget issue. Describe how federal, state, and local taxes support community services. Propose a solution to a problem regarding a local budget issue.
		<p>Influencing the Government</p> <p>Power and Influence</p> <p>Influence of Mass Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze the media's influence on public opinion and policy. Describe how social media is taking on the roles of mass media. Explain the primary roles of media. <p>You and Your Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the democratic process in the United States. Describe ways individuals can participate in the democratic process. Determine how the First Amendment supports the democratic process. <p>Interest Group Influence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze how interest groups influence government actions. Describe how public and private interest groups influence society.

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Media Literacy: Social Media

- Describe strategies to evaluate claims and information in social media posts.
- Describe the benefits and drawbacks of using social media to share information.
- Explain the importance of evaluating information shared on social media.

Civil Discourse

- Analyze the effectiveness of political activism and advocacy.
- Analyze sides of an argument supported by evidence.
- Explain political activism and advocacy.