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**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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		<p><b>Constitution and Compromise</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare ideas of the Federalists and the Anti-federalists.</li> <li>Describe events leading up to the Constitutional Convention.</li> <li>Describe the compromises of the Constitutional Convention.</li> </ul> <p><b>Compromise and Discourse Today</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication to use in discourse.</li> <li>Explain the relationship between discourse and compromise.</li> </ul>
<b>The Constitution</b>		
		<p><b>Ideals of the Constitution</b></p> <p><b>We the People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze the preamble of the Constitution.</li> <li>Describe the structure of the Constitution.</li> <li>Explain principles outlined in the Constitution.</li> </ul> <p><b>Freedom of Expression</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the purpose of the Bill of Rights.</li> <li>Explain the freedoms and rights protected under the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights.</li> </ul> <p><b>Defendants' Rights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze the Supreme Court's interpretations of the rights of the accused.</li> <li>Describe individual rights and protections found in the Bill of Rights.</li> <li>Explain how the Bill of Rights guarantees protections for the accused.</li> </ul> <p><b>Equal Protections under the Law</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze how constitutional amendments have affected minority groups' political participation in the US.</li> <li>Describe the process for amending the Constitution.</li> <li>Explain the significance of key constitutional amendments that expanded rights.</li> </ul> <p><b>Conflicting Ideals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe how the Supreme Court has interpreted the due process clause of the 14th Amendment.</li> <li>Explain how the Supreme Court has considered individual liberties when they conflict with the common good.</li> </ul> <p><b>Media Literacy: Lateral Reading</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare lateral and vertical reading strategies.</li> <li>Describe lateral reading.</li> <li>Use lateral reading to check the validity of a source.</li> </ul>

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<b>People and Their Government</b>		
<b>A Day in the Life</b>		
<b>Federalism: A Balancing Act</b>		
Compare the powers of government at federal and state levels.		
Describe enumerated, reserved, and concurrent powers.		
Explain the concept of federalism.		
<b>Legislative Branch</b>		
Analyze how Congress represents the people.		
Describe the powers of Congress.		
Describe the structure of Congress.		
Explain the lawmaking process.		
<b>Making Effective Environmental Policy</b>		
Analyze responses to an environmental issue.		
Analyze the impact of an environmental issue.		
Describe how to propose a new public policy.		
<b>Executive Branch</b>		
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.		
<b>Foreign Policy Tools</b>		
Describe how the US uses multiple approaches during international conflicts.		
Describe the goals of US foreign policy.		
Explain US foreign policy tools.		
<b>Judicial Branch</b>		
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.		
<b>Our Role in the Legal Process</b>		
Describe the trial process and the role of juries in the justice system.		
Engage in a simulated democratic process to understand how conflicting points of view are addressed in a democratic society.		
<b>State and Local Governments</b>		
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.		

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**Follow the Money: Local Budgets**

- 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.

**Influencing the Government****Power and Influence****Influence of Mass Media**

- 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.

**You and Your Government**

- 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.

**Our Role in the Electoral Process**

- Engage in a simulated democratic process to understand how conflicting points of view are addressed in a democratic society.
- Evaluate presidential candidates' views in a simulated debate.

**Interest Group Influence**

- Analyze how interest groups influence government actions.
- Describe how public and private interest groups influence society.

**Comparing Movements for Civil Rights**

- Compare historical and contemporary civil rights movements.
- Describe how civil rights movements led to change in US society.
- Explain the significance of US laws in expanding civil rights.

**Making Effective Social Policy**

- Analyze responses to an issue of inequality.
- Describe possible solutions to an issue of inequality.
- Describe social inequality.
- Identify an issue of inequality.

**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.

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<b>Civil Discourse</b>		
Analyze the effectiveness of political activism and advocacy.		
Analyze sides of an argument supported by evidence.		
Explain political activism and advocacy.		
<b>Economics and the Nation</b>		
<b>Economics in Our Daily Lives</b>		
<b>Introduction to Economics</b>		
Describe how scarcity influences economic decisions.		
Describe the four factors of production.		
Explain the roles of resources and scarcity in economic decision-making.		
<b>Comparing Economic Systems</b>		
Compare and contrast the types of economic systems.		
Explain the relationship between political systems and economic systems.		
<b>Supply, Demand, and Price</b>		
Analyze how supply and demand determine price.		
Explain the law of demand.		
Explain the law of supply.		
<b>Interactions in the US Economy</b>		
Describe the causes and effects of inflation and deflation.		
Explain how the consumer price index measures inflation.		
Explain the circular flow model.		
<b>The Economy of the US</b>		
Describe how the US government promotes economic competition.		
Explain how the principles of a market economy helped develop the United States into a democratic nation.		
<b>Economic Institutions in the US and the World</b>		
<b>Microeconomics vs. Macroeconomics</b>		
<b>Banking and Financial Institutions</b>		
Describe the functions of banks in a market economy.		
Explain the impact of interest rates.		
Explain the role of the United States Federal Reserve.		
<b>Opportunity Cost</b>		
Analyze the opportunity cost of economic actions.		
Describe opportunity cost in a mixed-market economy.		
Explain opportunity cost in government decisions.		

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### **Federal Budget**

- Describe the national budget process.
- Explain how federal budget decisions affect specific groups.
- Explain how taxes impact the US economy.

### **The Role of Entrepreneurs**

- Describe the challenges of entrepreneurs in a market economy.
- Describe the factors that motivate entrepreneurs in a market economy.
- Explain the role of entrepreneurs in a market economy.

### **Measuring the Economy**

- Describe the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita of a nation.
- Explain how productivity affects the standard of living of a nation.
- Explain how unemployment affects distinct groups.

### **Globalization and International Trade**

- Compare and contrast a single-resource economy with a diversified economy.
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of trade policies.
- Explain how trade agreements and trade barriers influence international trade.
- Explain the relationship between globalization and trade.

## **Personal Finance**

### **Personal Financial Literacy**

#### **Careers and the Changing Workplace**

- Analyze the relationship between education and income.
- Describe different educational paths toward careers.

#### **Creating a Personal Budget**

- Analyze earning and spending habits to evaluate a budget.
- Analyze the effects of variable expenses on a budget.
- Explain the purpose of a personal budget.

#### **Credit, Interest, and Debt**

- Analyze the effects of interest rates on borrowing.
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of using credit.
- Explain types of credit available to borrowers.

#### **Saving and Investing**

- Compare long-term and short-term investments.
- Describe the relationship between risk and investments.
- Describe types of financial investments.
- Explain the rate of return on investments.

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**Consumer Awareness and Protection**

Describe the decision-making process of purchasing a product.

Explain how consumers can protect themselves against scams.

Explain the rights and responsibilities of consumers in a market system.