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Content and Duration	Content Expectation (GLCE/HSCE)	Student Learning Targets	Content Vocabulary	Required Activities	Common Assessments and Rubrics
Unit 1: Foundations of Government 3 weeks	1.2 Describe features of constitutional government and contrast with other forms of government.	Types of governments	Direct democracy, representative democracy, parliamentary, presidential, federal, dictatorship, confederacy,	Political cartoon, comparison and contrast chart of types of governments	Matching Unit Test
	1.1 Nature of civic life, politics and government 2.1 Explain the origins and principles of American Constitutional government	Core democratic values and their sources	Life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, individual rights, equality, justice, diversity, freedom of religion, patriotism, federalism, civ. Control of mil, rep. govt, pop. Sovereignty, c & b, sep. of powers, Rule of law	CDV poster, paper	CDV quiz CDV paper rubric

	<p>2.1 Explain the origins and principles of American constitutional government (their philosophical and historical origins)</p>	<p>Origins and Theories of government Purposes of American Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In what ways were our Founding Fathers influenced in creating the United States' government? - How well is the federal government fulfilling the goals set forth in the D of I and the Constitution? 	<p>Social Contract Theory, Evolution Theory, Force Theory, Divine Right Theory, John Locke, Darwinism, Declaration of Independence, Preamble, Constitution, Gettysburg Address, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance</p>	<p>T chart compare/contrast, written explanation of the social contract theory and the influences on our founding.</p>	<p>Unit Test</p>
	<p>2.2 Explain how the American idea of constitutional government has shaped a distinctive society</p>	<p>Basic principles of the Constitution. Organization of the Constitution</p>	<p>Checks and balances, separation of powers, limited government, federalism,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analyze Federalist No. 10, class discussion of ratification debates - Articles of Confederation - Discuss 	<p>Amendment research Unit Test Quizzes</p>

			judicial review, popular sovereignty Bicameralism, Federalists, Anti- Federalists, ratify, amend Articles of Confederation Article V, Article VII	possible amendments to the Constitution	
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Unit 2: Federalism (1 week)	3.1 Describe how the national government is organized and what it does through the investigation of the national structure and powers.	The enumerated powers	Federalism, delegated powers, expressed, implied, inherent, concurrent, exclusive, reserved, 10 th amendment	Federalism poster project over State/Federal/Shared powers.	Quiz. Poster Unit Test
	3.2 Describe how power and responsibility are distributed, shared, and limited in our federal system (constitutional government).				
	3.3 Describe how state and local governments are organized and what they do through investigation				

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Unit 3: The Three Branches of Government (2.5 weeks)	3.1 Describe how national government is organized ; what is the structure of the national government? What are the functions/powers of the national government?	Understand the power and organization of the Legislative Branch	Congress, bicameralism, term, session, special session, committees, filibuster	Write a letter to an elected official, research leadership in Congress for powers/roles in lawmaking, power on how a bill becomes a law, current events in Congress	Letter Congress quiz Unit Test
		Understand the power and organization of the Executive Branch.	Pardon, reprieve, treaties, commander in chief, electoral college, 15 Exec. Departments, regulatory agency	Analyze the EC process by writing a position paper Research an exec. Dept.	EC paper rubric Unit Test
	3.2 Identify how power and responsibility are shared and limited in our constitutional government. 3.4 Explain why rule of law has a central place in American society through the investigation of the role and importance of laws in the American political system.	Understand the organization and constitutional power of the judicial branch.	Marbury v. Madison, judicial review		
Unit 4: Political Parties and Voting (1 week)	3.5 Describe the rolls of political parties, interest groups, media and individuals in determining and shaping public policy.	What different political parties stand for.	Political parties, special interest groups, PACS, platforms, caucus, political spectrum,	Research political parties and compare and contrast views on issues. Fill in a political spectrum.	Political party brochure Unit Quiz.

			liberals, conservatives, Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Constitution party, Socialist Party, Communist Party, Green Party,		
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Unit 5: Foreign Policy (4 days)	4.1 Describe the formation and implementation of U.S. Foreign Policy and understanding how it is formed and implemented in our constitutional government.	Foreign Policy	Foreign policy, United Nations, NATO, IMF, World bank, imperialism, isolationism, sanctions, treaties,	Essay on Foreign policy (what is it and who conducts it?)	Essay Unit Quiz
	4.2 Identify roles of the U.S. in international institutions.				

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Unit 6: Citizenship, Civil Rights, and the Bill of Rights (1.5 weeks)	5.1 Describe the meaning of citizenship in the US, including the rights, responsibilities, and characteristics of citizenship in the U.S.	Process of becoming a citizen. Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens	Citizen, naturalization, immigration, legal/illegal aliens	Essay Analyze court cases	Writing assessment (position essay) Unit Test
	5.2 Describe how a person becomes a citizen in the U.S. through birth or naturalization.	Naturalization			
	5.3 Rights of Citizenship	Bill of Rights Civil liberties (1 st amendment)	Freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly and petition, due process, right to privacy, self-incrimination, double jeopardy, trial by jury, probable cause		
	5.4 Identify responsibilities associated with citizenship in the U.S. and the importance of those responsibilities.	Responsibilities of U.S. citizens in protecting our rights and preserving our American constitutional government.			
	3.4 Explain why rule of law has a central place in American society through investigation of the role of law and importance of law in the American political system.	Meaning and importance of rule of law	Libel, slander, civil liberties, equal opportunity, individual rights		