

American Government

State Standard Number	State Standard Area/Description	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
SS.912.C	Civics and Government		
SS.912.C.1	Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government, law, and the American political system.		
SS.912.C.1.1	Evaluate, take, and defend positions on the founding ideals and principles in American Constitutional government.	Unit 1: Introduction Unit 2: Origins	Section 2: Ideals of Democracy Section 1: Political Foundations of American Democracy
SS.912.C.1.2	Explain how the Declaration of Independence reflected the political principles of popular sovereignty, social contract, natural rights, and individual rights.	Unit 1: Introduction Unit 2: Origins	Section 2: Ideals of Democracy Section 1: Political Foundations of American Democracy Section 4: Establishing the First Government
SS.912.C.1.3	Evaluate the ideals and principles of the founding documents (Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Federalist Papers) that shaped American Democracy.	Unit 2: Origins	Section 1: Political Foundations of American Democracy Section 4: Establishing the First Government Section 5: Creating the Constitution
SS.912.C.1.4	Analyze and categorize the diverse viewpoints presented by the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists concerning ratification of the Constitution and inclusion of a bill of rights.	Unit 2: Origins	Section 5: Creating the Constitution
SS.912.C.1.5	Evaluate how the Constitution and its amendments reflect the political principles of rule of law, checks and balances, separation of powers, republicanism, democracy, and federalism.	Unit 2: Origins Unit 3: Principles	Section 5: Creating the Constitution Section 1: Structure of the Constitution Section 2: Principles of the Constitution

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			Section 3: Federalism
SS.912.C.2	Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.		
SS.912.C.2.1	Evaluate the constitutional provisions establishing citizenship, and assess the criteria among citizens by birth, naturalized citizens, and non-citizens.	Unit 7: Participation	Section 4: Individual Political Participation
SS.912.C.2.2	Evaluate the importance of political participation and civic participation.	Unit 7: Participation	Sections 1 – 4
SS.912.C.2.3	Experience the responsibilities of citizens at the local, state, or federal levels.	Unit 7: Participation	Section 3: Elections: Assignment: Elections Section 4: Individual Political Participation:
SS.912.C.2.4	Evaluate, take, and defend positions on issues that cause the government to balance the interests of individuals with the public good.	Unit 8: Economics	Section 3: Budget-making Process: Discussion: Balanced Budget
SS.912.C.2.5	Conduct a service project to further the public good.	Unit 7: Participation	Section 3: Project Section 4: Project
SS.912.C.2.6	Evaluate, take, and defend positions about rights protected by the Constitution and Bill of Rights.	Unit 6: Judicial	Section 3: Supreme Court History Section 5: Civil Rights

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SS.912.C.2.7	Explain why rights have limits and are not absolute.	Unit 6: Judicial	Section 5: Civil Rights
SS.912.C.2.8	Analyze the impact of citizen participation as a means of achieving political and social change.	Unit 7: Participation	Sections 1 – 4
SS.912.C.2.9	Identify the expansion of civil rights and liberties by examining the principles contained in primary documents.	Unit 6: Judicial	Section 5: Civil Rights
SS.912.C.2.10	Monitor current public issues in Florida.	Unit 4: Legislative	Section 4: Purpose of Law: Assignment: Current Events Research
SS.912.C.2.11	Analyze public policy solutions or courses of action to resolve a local, state, or federal issue.	Unit 4: Legislative	Section 1: Structure of Congress: Discussion: Gerrymandering
SS.912.C.2.12	Explain the changing roles of television, radio, press, and Internet in political communication.	Unit 7: Participation	Section 4: Individual political participation Section 4: Media in Elections assignment
SS.912.C.2.13	Analyze various forms of political communication and evaluate for bias, factual accuracy, omission, and emotional appeal.	Unit 7: Participation	Section 2: Nominations and Campaigns Writing Assignment
SS.912.C.2.14	Evaluate the processes and results of an election at the state or federal level.	Section 7: Participation	Section 3: Elections

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SS.912.C.2.15	Evaluate the origins and roles of political parties, interest groups, media, and individuals in determining and shaping public policy.	Unit 7: Participation	Sections 1 – 4
SS.912.C.2.16	Analyze trends in voter turnout.	Unit 7: Participation	Section 4: Individual Political Participation
SS.912.C.3	Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.		
SS.912.C.3.1	Examine the constitutional principles of representative government, limited government, consent of the governed, rule of law, and individual rights.	Unit 4: Legislative	Section 4: Purpose of Law
SS.912.C.3.2	Define federalism, and identify examples of the powers granted and denied to states and the national government in the American federal system of government.	Unit 3: Principles	Section 3: Federalism
SS.912.C.3.3	Analyze the structures, functions, and processes of the legislative branch as described in Article I of the Constitution.	Unit 4: Legislative	Section 1: Structure of Congress Section 2: Powers of Congress
SS.912.C.3.4	Analyze the structures, functions, and processes of the executive branch as described in Article II of the Constitution.	Unit 5: Executive	Sections 1 – 3
SS.912.C.3.5	Identify the impact of independent regulatory agencies in the federal bureaucracy.	Unit 5: Executive	Section 4: Executive Departments

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SS.912.C.3.6	Analyze the structures, functions, and processes of the judicial branch as described in Article III of the Constitution.	Unit 6: Judicial	Section 1: Court System Structure
SS.912.C.3.7	Describe the role of judicial review in American constitutional government.	Unit 3: Principles	Section 2: Principles of the Constitution
SS.912.C.3.8 Suggest a game rather than interactive ? to assess.	Compare the role of judges on the state and federal level with other elected officials.	Unit 6: Judicial	Section 1: Structure
SS.912.C.3.9	Analyze the various levels and responsibilities of courts in the federal and state judicial system and the relationships among them.	Unit 6: Judicial	Section 1: Court System Structure
SS.912.C.3.10	Evaluate the significance and outcomes of landmark Supreme Court cases.	Unit 6: Judicial	Section 3: Supreme Court History
SS.912.C.3.11	Contrast how the Constitution safeguards and limits individual rights.	Unit 3: Principles	Section 2: Principles of the Constitution
SS.912.C.3.12	Simulate the judicial decision-making process in interpreting law at the state and federal level.	Unit 6: Judicial	Section 3: Supreme Court History: Discussion: Impact of Court Cases
SS.912.C.3.13	Illustrate examples of how government affects the daily lives of citizens at the local, state, and national levels.	Unit 8: Economics	Section 1: Economics Systems and the United States Economy: Discussion: Outsourcing

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SS.912.C.3.14	Examine constitutional powers (expressed, implied, concurrent, reserved).	Unit 2: Principles	Section 3: Federalism
SS.912.C.3.15	Examine how power and responsibility are distributed, shared, and limited by the Constitution.	Unit 2: Principles	Section 1: Structure of the Constitution Section 2: Principles of the Constitution
SS.912.C.4	Demonstrate an understanding of contemporary issues in world affairs, and evaluate the role and impact of United States foreign policy.		
SS.912.C.4.1	Explain how the world's nations are governed differently.	Unit 1: Introduction	Section 1: Forms of Government
SS.912.C.4.2	Evaluate the influence of American foreign policy on other nations and the influences of other nations on American policies and society.	Unit 5 Executive	Section 2 Presidential Powers Section 5: American Foreign Policy
SS.912.C.4.3	Assess human rights policies of the United States and other countries.	Unit 5: Executive	Section 5: American Foreign Policy
SS.912.C.4.4	Compare indicators of democratization in multiple countries.	Unit 1: Introduction	Section 2: Ideals of Democracy