



Alignment Document
State of Hawaii and Aventa Learning American Government

American Government
2005-2007 Benchmark Blueprint

Strand	Standard	Topic	Benchmark	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
Political Science/Civics	SS.9MHH.4 Understand the purpose and historical impact of political institutions, the principles and values of American constitutional democracy, and the similarities and differences in government across cultural perspectives	Governance, Power and Authority	SS.9MHH.4.1 Explain how governments acquire, use, and justify power, including how limited governments differ from unlimited ones	Introduction Constitutional Origins	Forms of Government Political Foundations of American Democracy
Political Science/Civics	SS.9MHH.5 Understand roles, rights (personal, economic, political), and responsibilities of American citizens and exercise them in civic action		No benchmark at this level		
Political Science/Civics	SS.9PD.4 Understand the purpose and historical impact of political institutions, the principles and values of American constitutional democracy, and the similarities and differences in government across cultural perspectives	Political Institutions: Governance, Power, and Authority	SS.9PD.4.1 Explain how governments derive authority SS.9PD.4.2 Describe how the American Constitution embodies the principles of rule of law, popular sovereignty, separation of powers, checks and balances, and limited government SS.9PD.4.3 Assess the extent to which	Introduction Introduction	Forms of Government Ideals of Democracy Covered throughout the course Covered throughout the

			the American values of common good, equality of opportunity, and individual rights have been realized		course
Political Science/Civics	SS.9PD.5 Understand roles, rights (personal, economic, political), and responsibilities of American citizens and exercise them in civic action	Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens Citizenship Participation	<p>SS.9PD.5.1 Explain the rights, duties, and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy and the relationship between them</p> <p>SS.9PD.5.2 Investigate how citizens can monitor and advocate for a local, state, or national issue</p> <p>SS.9PD.5.3 Compare the characteristics of major political parties based upon the philosophy, platform, and support base</p> <p>SS.9PD.5.4 Explain the role of a citizen in the electoral process</p> <p>SS.9PD.5.5 Demonstrate the role of a citizen in civic action by selecting a problem, gathering information, proposing a solution, creating an action plan, and showing evidence of implementation</p>	<p>Political Participation</p> <p>Political Participation</p> <p>Political Participation</p> <p>Political Participation</p> <p>Political Participation</p> <p>Political Participation</p>	<p>Covered throughout the course</p> <p>Individual Political Participation</p> <p>Political Parties</p> <p>Individual Political Participation</p> <p>Elections</p> <p>Political Parties</p> <p>Elections</p>
Political Science/Civics	SS.10.4 Understand the purpose and historical impact of political institutions, the principles and values of American constitutional democracy, and the similarities and differences in government across cultural perspectives		No benchmark at this level		



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Political Science/Civics	SS.11.4 Understand the purpose and historical impact of political institutions, the principles and values of American constitutional democracy, and the similarities and differences in government across cultural perspectives	Comparative Government	SS.11.4.1 Compare the features of republican and absolutist governments that emerged in 17th century Europe	Introduction	Forms of Government
Political Science/Civics	SS.11.5 Understand roles, rights (personal, economic, political), and responsibilities of American citizens and exercise them in civic action		No benchmark at this level		