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State Standard Number	State Standard Area/Description	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
I.	What are Civic Life, Politics, and Government?		
A	What is civic life? What is politics? What is government? Why are government and politics necessary? What purposes should government serve?	Unit 1: Civic Life	Section 1: Introduction Section 1: Introduction Tutorial and throughout the other sections
B	What are the essential characteristics of limited and unlimited government?	Unit 1: Civic Life	Section 2: Part A: The Essential Characteristics of Limited and Unlimited Government
C	What are the nature and purposes of constitutions?	Unit 1: Civic Life	Section 3: Part A: The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions Section 3: Part B: The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions (Cont.)
D	What are alternative ways of organizing constitutional governments?	Unit 1: Civic Life	Section 3: Part C: Alternative Ways of Organizing Constitutional Governments
II.	What are the Foundations of the American Political System?		
A	What is the American idea of constitutional government?	Unit 2: Foundations 1	Section 1: Parts A - D: The American Idea of Constitutional Government
B	What are the distinctive characteristics of American society?	Unit 2: Foundations 2	Section 1: Part B: The Goals of the Constitution Section 1: Part C: Federalism
C	What is American political culture?	Unit 1: Civic Life	Section 1: Part C: Politics! Politics! Everywhere: Is there meaning anywhere?
D	What values and principles are basic to	Unit 3: Foundations 2	Section 1: Part A: The American Idea of

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	American constitutional democracy?		Constitutional Government
III.	How Does the Government Established by the Constitution Embody the Purposes, Values, and Principles of American Democracy?		
A	How are power and responsibility distributed, shared, and limited in the government established by the United States Constitution?	Unit 3: Foundations 2	Section 1: Part D: Summarizing: Defining the Government’s Powers Section 2: Part B: Checks and Balances
B	How is the national government organized and what does it do?	Unit 3: Foundations 2	Section 2: Part A: The Three Branches of Government
C	How are state and local governments organized and what do they do?	Unit 4: State – Local	Section: Introduction Section 2: Part A: State Legislatures – Organization Section 2: Part B: State Legislatures at Work Section 2: Part D: The State Executive Branch Section 2: Part E: Other State Officials Section 3: Part D: Local Government Section 3: Part E: County Government
D	What is the place of law in the American constitutional system?	Unit 1: Civic Life	Section 2: Part B: The Rule of Law
E	How does the American political system provide for choice and opportunities for participation?	Unit 4: State – Local Unit 5: City Government	Section 2: Part C: Citizen Action Section 1: Home Rule: Parts A – D
IV.	What is the Relationship of the United States to Other Nations and to World Affairs?		

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A	How is the world organized politically?		
B	How do the domestic politics and constitutional principles of the United States affect its relations with the world?		
C	How has the United States influenced other nations, and how have other nations influenced American politics and society?		
V.	What are the Roles of the Citizen in American Democracy?		
A	What is citizenship?	Unit 1: Civic Life	Section 1: Part A: The Double Lives of the American Citizen
B	What are the rights of citizens?	Unit 1: Civic Life	Section 1: Part A: The Double Lives of the American Citizen
C	What are the responsibilities of citizens?	Unit 1: Civic Life	Section 1: Part B: The Citizen’s Civil Life: Duties and Responsibilities
D	What civic dispositions or traits of private and public character are important to the preservation and improvement of American constitutional democracy?	Unit 1: Civic Life	Section 1: Part A: The Double Lives of the American Citizen Section 2: Part C: The Civil Society
E	How can citizens take part in civic life?	Unit 1: Civic Life Unit 4: State – Local Unit 5: City Government Unit 6: Political Parties	Sections 1 – 3 Sections 1 – 3 Sections 1 – 2 Section 2: Part C: Local Party Organization Section 2: Part D: Political Party Finances Section 3: Part A: The



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