

American Government

Strand	Common Curriculum Goal	Content Standard	Standard	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
SS.CM.SA Social Science Analysis	Define and clarify an issue so that its dimensions are well understood.	Identify, research, and clarify an event, issue, problem, or phenomenon of significance to society.	SS.CM.SA.01 Define, research, and explain an event, issue, problem, or phenomenon and its significance to society.	The Judicial Branch and Civil Rights and Liberties	Civil Rights
				The Legislative Branch	Structure of Congress
					How a Bill Becomes Law
SS.CM.SA Social Science Analysis	Acquire and organize materials from primary and secondary sources.	Gather, use, and evaluate researched information to support analysis and conclusions.	SS.CM.SA.02 Gather, analyze, use, and document information from various sources, distinguishing facts, opinions, inferences, biases, stereotypes, and persuasive appeals. SS.CM.SA.03 Understand what it means to be a critical consumer of information.	Covered throughout the course	
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SS.CM.SA Social Science Analysis	Explain various perspectives on an event or issue and the reasoning behind them.	Understand an event, issue, problem, or phenomenon from multiple perspectives.	SS.CM.SA.04 Analyze an event, issue, problem, or phenomenon from varied or opposed perspectives or points of view.	Political Participation	Political Parties
SS.CM.SA Social Science Analysis	Identify and analyze an issue.	Identify and analyze characteristics, causes, and consequences of an event, issue, problem, or phenomenon.	SS.CM.SA.05 Analyze an event, issue, problem, or phenomenon, identifying characteristics, influences, causes, and both short- and long-term effects.	Covered throughout the course	
SS.CM.SA Social Science Analysis	Select a course of action to resolve an issue.	Identify, compare, and evaluate outcomes, responses, or solutions, then reach a supported conclusion.	SS.CM.SA.06 Propose, compare, and judge multiple responses, alternatives, or solutions, then reach a defensible, supported conclusion.	Covered throughout the course	



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SS.CM.CG Civics and Government	Understand the origins, purposes, and functions of U.S. government, including the structure and meaning of the U.S. Constitution.	Understand the purposes of government and the basic constitutional principles of the United States republican form of government.	SS.CM.CG.01 Understand the purpose of laws and government, provisions to limit power, and the ability to meet changing needs as essential ideas of the Constitution.	Covered throughout the course	
			SS.CM.CG.01.01 Understand the "supremacy clause" of the U.S. Constitution as a means of resolving conflicts between state and federal law.		
			SS.CM.CG.01.02 Understand the concept of judicial review as a means of resolving conflict over the interpretation of the Constitution and the actions of government.	Constitutional Principles	Principles of the Constitution
			SS.CM.CG.01.03 Understand how to amend the U.S. Constitution and the Oregon Constitution including how amendments may be introduced, what is required for passage, and how the process accommodates changing needs and the preservation of values and principles.	Constitutional Principles	Changing the Constitution
SS.CM.CG Civics and Government	Understand the organization, responsibilities, and interrelationships of local, state, and federal governments in the United States.	Understand the responsibilities and interrelationships of local, state, and national government in the U.S.	SS.CM.CG.02 Understand the interrelationship between local, state, and federal government.	Covered throughout the course	
			SS.CM.CG.02.01 Understand the primary function of the federal, state, and local levels of government and how the actions of one influence the workings of the others.	Covered throughout the course	
			SS.CM.CG.02.02 Understand how federalism creates shared and reserved powers at each level of government.	Constitutional Principles	Federalism
SS.CM.CG	Understand the roles of	Understand the roles	SS.CM.CG.03 Understand how the	Covered	



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Civics and Government	the three branches of government and explain how their powers are distributed and shared.	and powers of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.	branches of government have powers and limitations.	throughout the course	
			SS.CM.CG.03.01 Understand how laws are developed and applied to provide order, set limits, protect basic rights, and promote the common good.	The Legislative Branch	How a Bill becomes Law
			SS.CM.CG.03.02 Understand the process by which laws are developed at the federal level, and key differences between how laws are developed at the federal level and in Oregon.	The Legislative Branch	How a Bill becomes Law
			SS.CM.CG.03.03 Identify and understand the powers and limits to power of the Presidency.	Executive Branch	Presidential Powers
SS.CM.CG Civics and Government	Understand personal and political rights of citizens in the United States.	Understand the roles, rights, and responsibilities of citizens in the United States.	SS.CM.CG.04 Understand the role of the courts and of the law in protecting the rights of U.S. citizens.	Judicial Branch and Civil Rights and Liberties	Civil Rights Civil Liberties
			SS.CM.CG.04.01 Understand how the Bill of Rights offers protection of individual rights and how rights are limited for the benefit of the common good.	Constitutional Principles	Changing the Constitution
			SS.CM.CG.04.02 Understand the role of due process in the protection of individuals.		
			SS.CM.CG.04.03 Understand how the rights of citizens have been augmented by case law decisions.	Judicial Branch and Civil Rights and Liberties	Supreme Court History
SS.CM.CG Civics and Government	Understand participatory responsibilities of citizens in the community	Understand the participatory obligations of U.S. citizens.	SS.CM.CG.05 Understand the civic responsibilities of U.S. citizens and how they are met.	Political Participation	All Sections
			SS.CM.CG.05.01 Identify the	Political	All Sections

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	(voluntarism) and in the political process (becoming informed about public issues and candidates, joining political parties/interest groups/associations, communicating with public officials, voting, influencing lawmaking through such processes as petitions/initiatives).		responsibilities of citizens in the United States and understand what an individual can do to meet these responsibilities.	Participation	
SS.CM.CG Civics and Government	Understand how government is influenced and changed by support and dissent of individuals, groups, and international organizations.	Understand how individuals, groups, and international organizations influence government.	SS.CM.CG.06 Understand how government policies and decisions have been influenced and changed by individuals, groups, and international organizations.	Covered throughout the course	
			SS.CM.CG.06.01 Understand how U.S. political parties have influenced government policy and decisions.	Political Participation	Political Parties
			SS.CM.CG.06.02 Understand the causes, course, and impact of the civil rights/equal rights movements.	Judicial Branch and Civil Rights and Liberties	Civil Rights
			SS.CM.CG.06.03 Understand the Constitutional changes that resulted from major events in the 20th century.	Constitutional Principles	Changing the Constitution
SS.CM.CG Civics and Government	Understand how nations interact with each other, how events and issues in other countries can affect citizens in the United States, and how actions and concepts of	Understand how the United States government relates and interacts with other nations.	SS.CM.CG.07 Understand the purposes and functions of major international organizations and the role of the United States in them.		
			SS.CM.CG.07.01 Understand and give examples of how international organizations influence policies or decisions.		

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	democracy and individual rights of the United States can affect other peoples and nations.		<p>SS.CM.CG.07.02 Understand the purposes and functions of the United Nations, and the role of the United States in the United Nations.</p> <p>SS.CM.CG.07.03 Understand the purpose and function of international humanitarian agencies and special interest advocacy groups, and how the United States interacts with people in other nations through these organizations.</p>		
SS.CM.CG Civics and Government	Analyze major political systems of the world.	Understand that there are different ways for governments to be organized and to hold power.	SS.CM.CG.08 Understand how various forms of government function in different situations.	Introduction	Forms of Government
			SS.CM.CG.08.01 Compare and contrast how various forms of government function in similar and different situations.	Introduction	Forms of Government
SS.CM.CG Civics and Government	Analyze the concepts of political power, authority, conflict, and conflict management.	At this time there are no Standards associated with this CCG			