

You the Future Voter Curriculum Map

		Government & Its Function						The Constitution				Values & Principles of Democracy					Citizenship						
		Topic: Rules are Important						Topic: Basic Elements of Our Government				Topic: You Are an American					Topic: Rights & Responsibilities						
Grade k-1	<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rules promote a citizen's safety and happiness. 2. Governments look after the well-being of its citizens. 3. Leaders in the community make rules that provide order, safety, and security. <p>Key Terms: rule, government, citizen, order, safety, security, and community careers (policeman, postal carriers, fireman, doctor, teacher)</p>	<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The basic elements of the United States government include the President, the Congress, and Supreme Court. 2. Americans choose their leaders through a process called an election. 3. The leaders of our country have certain characteristics so that they can be good rulers. <p>Key Terms: President, Congress, Supreme Court, Constitution, judge, principal, teacher</p>				<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are important American symbols and patriotic songs to learn. 2. Being fair to one another contributes to the common good. 3. America is country with many people who have come from all over the world. <p>Key Terms: fair, unfair, symbol, pledge, allegiance, diversity</p>					<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Citizens have certain rights and responsibilities in the United States. 2. The characteristics of a good citizen include being honest and fair. 3. Good leaders are honest, fair, intelligent, open-minded, and courageous (among others). <p>Key Terms: citizen, citizenship, responsibility, valued characteristics of a good citizen such as honesty, fairness, good sportsmanship, treating others as you want to be treated</p>												
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		Grade 2																							
		<p>Topic: Governments Create & Enforce Laws</p> <p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are different rules as settings change. 2. A government is a system for keeping America's citizens safe, providing security, and keeping order. 3. Government leaders create and enforce the laws. 4. Leaders in the community should base their decisions on the common good of its citizens. <p>Key Terms: law, government, elect, common good, citizen</p>						<p>Topic: Local Leaders</p> <p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communities have a local government that is similar to city, state, and federal governments. 2. Local leaders help city officials create rules and establish order in the community. 3. There is a common process involved in making rules and laws across all levels of government. <p>Key Terms: local, government, leaders, elected community, official, election, vote, bill, law</p>						<p>Topic: Common Good</p> <p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are American symbols and patriotic songs that most Americans know. 2. All Americans believe they are entitled to certain rights and that the government has certain responsibilities 3. Working towards the common good is an important concept in a democratic government. <p>Key Terms: patriotism, freedom, common good,</p>						<p>Topic: Personal Responsibility</p> <p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People have personal responsibilities and are accountable to their community. 2. There are community leaders who have shown responsibility and accountability. 3. Good citizens are honest, compassionate, respectful of others, and responsible. <p>Key Terms: community, individual, groups, responsibility, accountability, compassion, respect, responsibility, courage, honesty</p>					
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		Topic: Effective Laws Promote Good Behavior Content Statements 1. Laws are created to describe how good citizens should behave and to provide a community with safety, order, and security. 2. The government creates consequences for citizens who do not obey the law. Key Terms: obey, safety, security, order, consequences						Topic: City Governments Content Statements 1. Each city has its own elected officials who make decisions and are responsible for keeping order in U.S. cities. 2. The mayor and her/his council make decisions and pass laws for cities. 3. Separation of powers at all levels of government and why it is important. Key Terms: separation of power, elect, Mayor, city council, township trustee, county commissioner, local government, state government, federal government						Topic: American Ideals Content Statements 1. There are stories about each American landmark, symbol, and patriotic song that explains why it is important to its citizens. 2. Americans have social responsibilities that contribute to the common good of the community. 3. Famous Americans demonstrate cherished American ideals. Key Terms: symbol, landmark, monument, social responsibility, common good, American ideals						Topic: Work Together Content Statements 1. Individuals must work together to solve problems in a community. 2. Leaders and citizens work together to promote the common good. 3. Community members must be willing to volunteer to make their community a better place. Key Terms: common good, public virtue, community, compassion, respect, responsibility, courage, honesty					
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		Topic: Governing the People (Democracy)						Topic: State Governments						Topic: Citizens Compromise						Topic: Role in Government								
Grade 4	<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Laws assign responsibilities to citizens and provide benefits. The United States government is a democracy. Governments in other countries are not always democracies. 							<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The U.S. government has progressed through several stages of development. The U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights are essential government documents. The provision for the separation of powers in the U.S. Constitution established three branches of government which balances the power of each branch. 							<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Some American landmarks and symbols promote ideals that are important to American citizens. Citizens may have to compromise in order to do what is best for the common good. Citizens work together to further important American ideals. 							<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> American citizens have certain rights and responsibilities. All citizens can participate in their government. Leaders and citizens should make informed decisions about important laws and issues. 						
	<p>Key Terms: democracy, majority, minority</p>							<p>Key Terms: Constitution, Bill of Rights, executive branch, legislative branch, judicial branch, governor and elected officials</p>							<p>Key Terms: symbols and landmarks, American ideals, compromise, common good, cause, civic responsibility</p>							<p>Key Terms: freedom, vote, responsibility, informed, issues, compassion, respect, responsibility, courage, honesty</p>						
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		Topic: Empowerment						Topic: The Federal Govt						Topic: Foundation Documents						Topic: Being Well-Informed					
Grade 5	<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Laws state the rights and freedoms of citizens. Laws state the rights and powers of the government. Different forms of government assign different levels of rights to the citizens and different amounts of power to the government. 							<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The structure of the federal government resembles that of city and state governments. The U.S. Constitution is an important document that has more than one component. The idea of separation of powers prevents governmental leaders from acting only in their own interests and causes. 							<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The words and messages of American songs explain important events and ideals of U.S. citizens. Studying important American documents contributes to a citizen's understanding of important American ideals. 							<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> American citizens volunteer so they can take a more active role in community decision making. Citizens who are well informed use multiple sources to gather accurate information. Leaders and citizens should be well informed before making important decisions. 			
	<p>Key Terms: dictatorship, monarchy, democracy, representative, republic</p>							<p>Key Terms: Articles of Confederation, Bill of Rights, Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches, Supreme Court, Congress, President</p>							<p>Key Terms: U.S. Constitution, Virginia Plan, New Jersey Plan, Constitutional convention, Madison's and Jefferson's papers</p>							<p>Key Terms: speeches, newspaper, radio, television, Internet,</p>			
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Grade 6	Government & Its Function						The Constitution						Values & Principles of Democracy						Citizenship					
	Topic: Past and Present Governments						Topic: Accountability						Topic: American Ideals						Topic: Check Your Facts					
	<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some characteristics of governments will overlap. 2. Different forms of government will be compared and contrasted. 3. Government forms in the ancient world still impact our government today. <p>Key Terms: forms of government such as: theocracy, dictatorship, monarchy, democracy, republic</p>						<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The United States government has three branches of office that each have its own responsibilities. 2. Each branch is accountable to the citizens of the United States and leaders must consider its constituents' rights and opinions on issues as it makes decisions and laws. 3. The U.S. Constitution is composed of multiple parts, including the Bill of Rights and Amendments. <p>Key Terms: majority and minority, amendments, U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, "We the People"</p>						<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. American landmarks, symbols, and patriotic songs have impacted American's view of themselves and their government. 2. Important American values and ideals have evolved over time. 3. We must all work together to tackle injustice and inequality to make the world a better place <p>Key Terms: compassion, respect, responsibility, courageous, honesty</p>						<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secondary sources and some primary sources often have biased perspectives. 2. United States leaders and citizens have opinions about issues of social importance. 3. Social and civil organizations impact society. 4. Courage enables people to do the right thing even when it is unpopular, difficult or dangerous. <p>Key Terms: perspective, fact or opinion, bias</p>					
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		Topic: Democracy & Republic						Topic: The Citizen in a Republic					Topic: Understanding Points of View					Topic: You Are a Citizen of the World						
Grade 7	<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ancient governments influence modern governments. 2. Past governments shape future governments. 3. Governments rise in power, but can be replaced when new leaders with new ideas take control. 						<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The U.S. Constitution designates citizen rights and responsibilities. 2. Citizens should know and understand what the U.S. Constitution says. 3. Each branch is composed of leaders who are accountable to the citizens and the citizens are accountable to their leaders. 					<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. American landmarks, documents, symbols and patriotic songs have promoted the ideals of diversity and cultural understanding. 2. American ideals have changed over time. 					<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One must listen to other perspectives to stay informed about issues. 2. There are United States leaders and citizens who have made important contributions based on the opinions of others. 3. Social and civic organizations impact their society. 4. Global citizenship is a way of thinking and behaving. 5. We must all work together to tackle injustice and inequality to make the world a better place. 							
	<p>Key Terms: feudalism, reformation, theocracy, democracy, republic</p>						<p>Key Terms: articles, amendments, Bill of Rights, inalienable rights</p>					<p>Key Terms: equality, diversity, multiculturalism, liberty, common good</p>					<p>Key Terms: point of view, perspective, opinion, civic organization, opinion, global citizenship, injustice, inequality</p>							
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		Topic: U.S. Government						Topic: The U.S. Constitution						Topic: Understanding Democracy						Topic: The Impact of Multimedia								
Grade 8	<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The purpose of government in the United States is to establish order, protect the rights of its citizens, and promote the common good. 2. Current events inform citizens about the presence of rules and laws that are in force. 3. Leaders are chosen by the citizens. 							<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presidents have strengthened the role of U.S. government 2. U.S. government was created in this manner to prevent one branch from having more power than the others. 3. There are responsibilities and limitations stipulated for each branch of the federal government. 							<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. American landmarks, documents, symbols and patriotic songs portray American democracy. 2. The United States is a republic or representative democracy in which elected officials represent the people. 3. We must all work together to tackle injustice and inequality to make the world a better place. 							<p>Content Statements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How media and communication have impacted the opinions of citizens. 2. There is a way to be a good citizen on the Internet. 3. There are United States leaders have worked to benefit the common good. 4. Social and civic organizations impact their society. 5. People are citizens of the world and as such we are responsible to one another and to the Earth itself. 						
	<p>Key Terms: freedom, rights, common good</p>							<p>Key Terms: checks and balance, Monroe Doctrine</p>							<p>Key Terms: equality, republic, representative democracy</p>							<p>Key Terms: opinion, perspective, civic organizations, media, journalism</p>						
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