

Quarter 1

- Immigration and Naturalization-

Learning Goal: Students will understand the legal means of becoming a citizen

- Citizenship: Responsibilities and Obligations –

Learning Goal: Students will understand the obligations and responsibilities of citizenship.

- Political Parties and the Electoral Process-

Learning Goal: Students will understand the ideas of and the differences between America's current political parties and how the nation elects its representatives.

- Propaganda and Media-

Learning Goal: Students will be able to examine multiple views on public and current issues by analyzing media and political communications (bias, symbolism, propaganda) and the impact it can have on government.

- Forms and Systems of Government-

Learning Goal: Students will be able to compare different forms and systems of government.

Quarter 2

- The Path to Democracy (Enlightenment, Influential Documents, Events leading to the Declaration of Independence, and the Declaration of Independence)-

Learning Goal: The student will understand how Enlightenment ideas influenced the thinking of our nation's Founders.

Learning Goal: The student will be able to analyze how the ideas of the Magna Carta, English Bill of Rights and the Mayflower Compact influenced the ideas of the Articles of Confederation and later the U.S. Constitution.

Learning Goal: The student will understand how the colonial response to English policies led to the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

Learning Goal: Students will understand the ideas and grievances set forth in the Declaration of Independence.

- Making the Constitution (Articles of Confederation, Federalists vs. Anti-federalists, Preamble of the Constitution)-

Learning Goal: The student will understand how the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation led to the development of the Constitution.

Learning Goal: The student will be able to evaluate the Bill of Rights and other amendments to the Constitution, in relation to the viewpoints of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists.

Learning Goal: The student will understand that the U.S. Constitution establishes the government and the principles upon which it is based.

Quarter 3

- The Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches of Government-

Learning Goal: Students will understand the structure, function, and processes of the Legislative branch of government, as well as its role in the lawmaking process at the federal level.

Learning Goal: Students will understand the structure, function, and processes of the Executive branch of government, as well as its role in the lawmaking process at the federal level.

Learning Goal: Students will understand the structure, function, and processes of the Judicial branch of government, as well as its role in the lawmaking process at the federal level.

- Checks and Balances-

Learning Goal: Students will understand the concepts of separation of powers and checks and balances, as outlined in the Constitution.

- The Bill of Rights and Amendments-

Learning Goal: The student will be able to evaluate the Bill of Rights and other amendments to the Constitution.

Learning Goal: The student will be able to explain the constitutional amendment process.

- Supreme Court Cases-

Learning Goal: Students will be able to explain the significance and outcomes of landmark Supreme Court Cases.

Quarter 4

- The American Legal System-

Learning Goal: The student will be able to recognize different types and sources of law and understand the trial process and the role of juries in the administration of justice.

- Florida Constitution and Local Government-

Learning Goal: Students will be able to compare the structure of the Federal and State governments (Constitutions, lawmaking process, obligations and services.)

- Foreign and Domestic Policy-

Learning Goal: Students will understand the difference between domestic and foreign policy, recognize government and citizen participation in international organizations, and describe examples of how the United States has dealt with international conflicts.