

# Grade 7

## CIVICS

- 1 Identify and recognize the various countries and cultures that influenced the government of the United States.** [SS.AAS.7.1](#)

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- 2 Define political parties; identify that political leaders are elected in the United States and that political parties work to get their candidates elected.** [SS.AAS.7.2](#)

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- 3 Describe the basic ideals of American democracy, including natural rights, basic freedoms, and democratic representation; identify characteristics of other government systems including, monarchy, dictatorship, and democracy.** [SS.AAS.7.3](#)

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- 4 Recognize that there are different levels of government, including local and state government.** [SS.AAS.7.4](#)

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- 5 Define the three branches of government; recognize the function of each branch of government as making laws, enforcing laws, or reviewing laws; identifying concepts of separation of powers and checks and balances.** [SS.AAS.7.5](#)

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- 6 Identify the basic rights under the Bill of Rights; recognize how government protects individual rights; recognize that citizens have a responsibility to follow laws and that there are consequences for breaking laws.** [SS.AAS.7.6](#)

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- 7 Define goods and services; identify the basic modern economic system based around currency; identify goods and services and ways consumers get access to them.** [SS.AAS.7.7](#)

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- 8 Recall that consumers have to make decisions based on resources and scarcity; recognize examples of consumer and marketplace interaction; identifying economic systems, including market, command, and traditional.** [SS.AAS.7.8](#)

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- 9 Identify the principles and purposes of a budget; identify wants and needs and recognize that each has a cost, including food, clothing, shelter, entertainment, utilities.** [SS.AAS.7.9](#)

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- 10 Demonstrate that individuals have a responsibility to be good citizens and community members; identify the legal definition of a United States citizen and non-citizen.** [SS.AAS.7.10](#)

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- 11 Recognize modern social and economic opportunities and define what they are. Examples include legal protections for workers with disabilities and anti-discrimination laws.** [SS.AAS.7.11](#)

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**11 Recognize Alabama’s growing role in the world politically and socially including its impact of the modern Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to the present.** *SS.AAS.7.11*

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**12 Recognize opportunities for participation in community and civic action.** *SS.AAS.7.12*

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**13 Demonstrate an awareness of current events at the local, state, or national level.** *SS.AAS.7.13*