

Grade 7: Access Points

Civics and Government

Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government, law and the American political system.

- 1 Identify the influences of ancient Greece, ancient Rome and the Judeo-Christian tradition on America's constitutional republic. [SS.7.CG.1.AP.1](#)
- 2 Identify the principles of due process of law, equality of mankind, limited government, natural rights, and rule of law, in the founding documents. [SS.7.CG.1.AP.2](#)
- 3 Identify the impact that the Magna Carta, Mayflower Compact, English Bill of Rights and Thomas Paine's Common Sense had on colonists' views of the government. [SS.7.CG.1.AP.3](#)
- 4 Identify how Montesquieu's view of separation of powers and John Locke's theories related to natural law and Locke's social contract, influenced the Founding Fathers. [SS.7.CG.1.AP.4](#)
- 5 Identify how British policies and responses to colonial concerns led to the writing of the Declaration of Independence. [SS.7.CG.1.AP.5](#)
- 6 Identify the ideas and grievances set forth in the Declaration of Independence. [SS.7.CG.1.AP.6](#)
- 7 Identify how the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation led to the writing of the U.S. Constitution. [SS.7.CG.1.AP.7](#)
- 8 Identify the six goals and purposes highlighted in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution. [SS.7.CG.1.AP.8](#)
- 9 Identify how the U.S. Constitution limits the powers of the government through separation of powers, checks and balances, individual rights, rule of law and due process of law. [SS.7.CG.1.AP.9](#)
- 10 Identify the viewpoints of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists regarding the ratification of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. [SS.7.CG.1.AP.10](#)
- 11 Identify the influence of rule of law on the development of legal, political, and governmental systems in the United States. [SS.7.CG.1.AP.11](#)

Evaluate the roles, rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government and the political system.

- 1 Identify the qualifications for citizenship as defined by the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. [SS.7.CG.2.AP.1](#)
- 2 Identify the obligations and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship, and their impact on society. [SS.7.CG.2.AP.2](#)
- 3 Identify the rights contained in the Bill of Rights and other amendments to the U.S. Constitution. [SS.7.CG.2.AP.3](#)
- 4 Identify how the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights safeguard individual rights. [SS.7.CG.2.AP.4](#)
- 5 Identify the steps in the trial process and role of juries in the judicial system. [SS.7.CG.2.AP.5](#)
- 6 Identify the steps in the election and voting process at the local, state, and national levels. [SS.7.CG.2.AP.6](#)
- 7 Identify the Constitutional qualifications required to hold state and national office. [SS.7.CG.2.AP.7](#)
- 8 Identify the impact of media, individuals, and interest groups on monitoring and influencing government. [SS.7.CG.2.AP.8](#)
- 9 Identify examples of bias, symbolism, and propaganda in media and political communications. [SS.7.CG.2.AP.9](#)
- 10 Identify the steps a citizen would take to correct a problem at the local or state level. [SS.7.CG.2.AP.10](#)

Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions and organization of government.

- 1 Identify an advantage of a constitutional republic, like the United States, over other forms of government. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.1](#)
- 2 Identify an advantage of a federal system of government for balancing local, state, and national government powers. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.2](#)
- 3 Identify the structure and function of the three branches of government established in the U.S. Constitution. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.3](#)
- 4 Identify the relationship between state and national governments as established in the U.S. Constitution and the 10th Amendment. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.4](#)
- 5 Identify the steps in the amendment process of the U.S. Constitution. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.5](#)
- 6 Identify how the 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 24th and 26th Amendments broadened participation in the political process. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.6](#)
- 7 Identify the structure and functions of the legislative branch of government. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.7](#)
- 8 Identify the structure and functions of the executive branch of government. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.8](#)
- 9 Identify the structure and functions of the judicial branch of government. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.9](#)
- 10 Identify sources and types of law. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.10](#)
- 11 Identify the effects of landmark Supreme Court decisions. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.11](#)
- 12 Identify the framework of government in the U.S. and Florida constitutions. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.12](#)
- 13 Identify government services provided to citizens at the local, state, and national levels. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.13](#)
- 14 Identify the purpose and function of the Electoral College in electing the President of the United States. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.14](#)
- 15 Identify the advantages of capitalism over socialism and communism in regard to economic freedom. [SS.7.CG.3.AP.15](#)

Demonstrate an understanding of contemporary issues in world affairs, and evaluate the role and impact of U.S. foreign policy.

- 1 Identify the relationship between U.S. foreign and domestic policy. [SS.7.CG.4.AP.1](#)
 - 2 Identify the United States government and citizen participation in international organizations. [SS.7.CG.4.AP.2](#)
 - 3 Identify examples of the United States actions and reactions in international conflicts. [SS.7.CG.4.AP.3](#)
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Economics

Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the development of a market economy.

- 1 Identify major characteristics of market and mixed economies. [SS.7.E.1.AP.1](#)
 - 2 Identify differences in borrowing and lending money, including the use of credit. [SS.7.E.1.AP.2](#)
 - 3 Identify examples of supply and demand, choice, scarcity, and opportunity cost. [SS.7.E.1.AP.3](#)
 - 4 Identify the function of accounts and services provided by banks or other financial institutions. [SS.7.E.1.AP.4](#)
 - 5 Identify that profit and incentives motivate people and businesses to work harder. [SS.7.E.1.AP.5](#)
 - 6 Identify the differences and similarities in the national budget process to the personal budget process. [SS.7.E.1.AP.6](#)
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Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the institutions, structure, and functions of a national economy.

- 1 Identify how federal, state, and local taxes are used by the government. [SS.7.E.2.AP.1](#)
 - 2 Identify that the banking system in the United States controls the money supply and interest rates. [SS.7.E.2.AP.2](#)
 - 3 Identify and describe how U.S. laws and regulations are used to impact and monitor the economy. [SS.7.E.2.AP.3](#)
 - 4 Identify entrepreneurs from various, gender, social, and ethnic backgrounds who started a successful business. [SS.7.E.2.AP.4](#)
 - 5 Identify the impact economic institutions had on local, state and/or federal economy. [SS.7.E.2.AP.5](#)
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Understand the fundamental concepts and interrelationships of the United States economy in the international marketplace.

- 1 Identify that various currencies from different countries can be exchanged for trade. [SS.7.E.3.AP.1](#)
 - 2 Identify that the changing value of currency increases or decreases trade of goods and services between nations. [SS.7.E.3.AP.2](#)
 - 3 Identify the differences and similarities between a single resource economy and a diversified economy. [SS.7.E.3.AP.3](#)
 - 4 Compare and contrast the standard of living in various countries today to that of the United States using gross domestic product (GDP) per capita as an indicator. [SS.7.E.3.AP.4](#)
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Geography

Understand how to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technology to report information.

- 1 Locate the fifty states, territories, and their capital cities, in addition to the nations capital on a map. [SS.7.G.1.AP.1](#)
 - 2 Identify the location of selected United States territories on a world map. [SS.7.G.1.AP.2](#)
 - 3 Identify the divisions and boundaries of places in North America, including the United States, Canada, Mexico and Central America. [SS.7.G.1.AP.3](#)
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Understand physical and cultural characteristics of places.

- 1 Locate major cultural landmarks that symbolize the United States. [SS.7.G.2.AP.1](#)
 - 2 Locate major physical landmarks that symbolize the United States. [SS.7.G.2.AP.2](#)
 - 3 Identify how major physical characteristics, climate, and location have influenced settlement and the economy of the United States [SS.7.G.2.AP.3](#)
 - 4 Identify current major cultural regions of North America. [SS.7.G.2.AP.4](#)
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Understand the relationships between the Earth's ecosystems and the populations that dwell within them.

- 1 Use maps to identify the location of a variety of natural resources in North America. [SS.7.G.3.AP.1](#)
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Understand the characteristics, distribution, and migration of human populations.

- 1 Identify cultural diffusion due to migration throughout North America. [SS.7.G.4.AP.1](#)
 - 2 Identify the importance of demographics within political divisions of the United States. [SS.7.G.4.AP.2](#)
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Understand how human actions can impact the environment.

- 1 Use a choropleth or other map to identify geographical areas impacted by changes in ecology. [SS.7.G.5.AP.1](#)
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Understand how to apply geography to interpret the past and present and plan for the future.

- 1 Use a form of technology to locate and view maps with current information about the United States. [SS.7.G.6.AP.1](#)