

12th Grade Government Essential Outcomes

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ESSENTIAL OUTCOMES

1. Civic Thinking: The Formation of the U.S. Government System/Importance of the Citizen in U.S. Federalism

- Political Culture of the U.S.
- Types of Government
- The Constitution
- Amendments to the Constitution
- Federalism
 - National vs. State power (COVID-19)

2. Civic Thinking: Political Processes

- Powers of Government
- Processes of Lawmaking
- Roles of Government
- The Role of the President
- The Bureaucracy

3. Civic Thinking: Linkage Institutions (Influences on the American Political System)

- Political Parties/Ideologies
- Interest Groups
- Mass Media
- Primary Elections
- Electoral College
- Presidential Campaigns
- Campaign Financing

4. Civic Thinking: The Judiciary and Civil Liberties-How are the laws interpreted and what are my rights?

- The Federal Judiciary
- The Supreme Court
- Judicial Activism vs. Restraint
- Freedom of Speech & Press
- Freedom of Religion
- Due Process of Law
- Rights as Minors

5. Reading Comprehension

- Primary Sources
- Determining the meaning/outcome/implications of Supreme Court Cases
- Interpreting different opinions of the same issue.

6. Listening/Speaking

- Structured Debate
 - Supreme Court Cases
 - Argument/Counterargument
 - Evidence from text/precedent
- Campaign speeches
 - Different levels of government and addressing their responsibilities

7. Written Arguments:

- CER full papers answering civic questions based on controversial political topics
 - Supreme Court Cases
 - Structure of Government
 - Checks and Balances
 - Constitutional Rights
 - Power of Government over the People
- Research
 - Students conduct their own research to provide evidence in written arguments.
 - Primary/Secondary Sources
 - Research Training
 - CRAAP Test
 - MLA in-text citations and full citations on a reference page.