



Social Science : Government

Grade 12

#	Essential Knowledge/Skill	Alignment
1	EVIDENCE: I can determine central ideas of primary and secondary sources and cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of those sources.	
2	CONNECTION: I can identify and evaluate patterns, causes and effects, and provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.	
3	<p>The Supreme Court and Civil Liberties: I can identify and explain the liberties and rights afforded in the constitution and the judicial branch's role in the interpretation and growth of those rights.</p> <p>In regard to the judicial branch of the federal government: I can: (a) the judicial branch's powers and the evolution of those powers, (b) the processes of the selection and confirmation of US Supreme Court justices</p>	
4	<p>Political Parties and Elections: I can explain and analyze the American electoral system, American political parties and their effect on the political process.</p> <p>I can: (a) explain the ways in which Americans engage in political participation and how that participation affects the political system, (b) explain the evolution of campaign financing (i.e. campaign finance law, PACs, etc.).</p> <p>I can explain and analyze the role the media plays in the electoral process and in shaping public policy.</p>	
5	<p>Characteristics of Democracies: I can explain the role and responsibilities of the three branches of government, federalism, and separation of powers as outlined in the constitution. I can discuss advantages and weaknesses of each.</p> <p>I can explain: the separation of powers and checks and balance, and federalism.</p> <p>I can explain: (a) the legislative branch's powers and analyze the evolution of those powers, and (b) the process by which a bill becomes a law.</p> <p>I can explain the executive branch's powers and analyze the evolution of those powers.</p>	
6	<p>Democracy in the Modern World : I can explain the pros and cons of democracy in the modern world and the role of the United States in the 21st century.</p> <p>I can explain the role of historical realities in the modern attempts at countries to democratize.</p> <p>I can explain the advantages and disadvantages of the US in exploring a variety of different roles in the 21st century.</p>	