

Ellis School

Grade 7

Social Studies

Civics and Governments

The Nature and Purpose of Government

- 3.1.6.1** Apply the ideals and principles of the American system of government to historic and contemporary examples.
- 3.1.8.1** Explain why limiting the powers of government is essential for the protection of individual rights.
- 3.1.6.2** Identify the core ideals and principles of American government by citing documents.
- 3.1.8.2** Analyze the major arguments for and against representative government as distinguished from direct democracy, and discuss how, in a representative democracy, minority rights are protected.
- 3.1.6.3** Apply criteria for evaluating the effectiveness and fairness of rules and laws at the local, state, or federal levels.
- 3.1.6.4** Differentiate among the major forms of limited and unlimited governments.

Structure and Function of United States and New Hampshire Government

- 3.2.6.1** Illustrate ways in which government in the US is founded on the conviction that Americans are united by the principles they share.
- 3.2.8.1** Define the organization and responsibilities of federal government that are set forth in the NH Constitution, the US Constitution, and their amendments.
- 3.2.6.2** Identify and illustrate the heritage that early settlers brought to the development and establishment of American democracy.
- 3.2.8.2** Compare and contrast the structure and major responsibilities and services of government at the local, state, and federal levels as set forth in the NH and US Constitutions.

- 3.2.8.3** Describe ways in which particular events and documents contributed to the evolution of American government.
- 3.2.8.4** Explain the legislative and political processes by which a bill becomes a law or government policy is established at the local, state, and federal levels.

The World and the United States' Place In It

- 3.3.6.1** Identify other countries in the world and their different forms of government.
- 3.3.8.1** Illustrate the importance of countries working together to resolve problems.
- 3.3.6.2** Describe the ways in which countries interact with each other culturally, economically, diplomatically, or militarily. *
- 3.3.8.2** Analyze environmental, economic, and technological developments and their impact on society. *
- 3.3.6.3** Discuss the reasons for conflicts between and among countries and peoples. *

Rights and Responsibilities

- 3.4.6.1** Evaluate those characteristics that promote good citizenship.
- 3.4.8.2** Describe and analyze ways Americans can effectively participate in civic and political life at the local, state, and federal levels.