UNIT OVERVIEW

	STAGE ONE: Identify Desired Res	ults	
12. G1 Foundations of American Democracy: The	Stade One: Identity Desired Results Students will understand that freedom requires citizens to become active and informed for a stable democracy		
principles of American democracy are reflected in	Meaning		
the Constitution and the Bill	Enduring Understandings Students will understand that	Essential Questions Students will consider such questions as	
of Rights and in the organization and actions of federal, state and local government entities. The interpretation and	U1 the function of government is to provide order, protect public safety, regulate the economy and advance public welfare	E1: How does the government affect you?	
application of American democratic principles	U2 there are many different forms of government	E2: How do ideas shape governments?	
continue to evolve and debated.	U3 there are foundations for our government	E3 How do ideas and values shape laws?	
CCSL:1 Key Ideas and Details: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources connecting insights gained from specific details	U4 the idea of the rule of law applies to all citizens U5 the constitution has changed over time	E4 Does the rule of law apply equally to all citizens, and how has it changed? E5 How has American Democracy evolved	
to an understanding of the text as a whole	and is subject to great debates	over time?	
CCSW: 1a Text Types and	Acquisi	lition	
Purposes Write arguments	What knowledge will students learn as part	What skills will students learn as part of this	
focused on discipline- specific content. Introduce	of this unit?	unit?	
precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s),	K1 the government has specific roles and responsibilities to citizens	Gathering, Interpreting, and Using Evidence Identify, describe and evaluate evidence about events from diverse written	
distinguish the claims(s) from alternative or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically	K1 Different philosophies and types of government (monarchy, oligarchy, totalitarian, fascist, democratic, republican, parliamentary)	documents, works of art, photographs, charts and graphs, artifacts, oral traditions, and other primary and secondary sources Demonstrate respect for the rights of others	
sequences the claim(s), counterclaims, reasons and evidence,	K2 How the division of power, functions and responsibilities of government operates on the federal, state and local level	in discussions and classroom debates; respectfully disagree with other viewpoints and provide evidence for a counter- argument.	
CCSS: 1a Comprehension	K3 The role of politics in government		
and Collaboration	K4 Judicial Review: strict vs. loose		
Come to discussions	interpretation		
prepared, having read and			

researched material under	K5 That changes in the constitution reflects	
study to explicitly draw on	the changing needs of the nation	
that preparation by		
referring to evidence from		
texts and other research on		
the topic or issue to		
stimulate a thoughtful, well-		
reasoned exchange of ideas		

	STAGE TWO: Determine Acceptable Evidence
	Assessment Evidence
	Performance Assessment
	Students will write about and debate this statement:
Students will work cooperatively to prepare for the debate	<i>"The founders of the constitution created a document that has adapted to changing times and protect the rights and provides equal opportunity for all citizens"</i>
Understanding will be measured using the CEPA rubric for essay writing and	Individually students will analyze and respond with text based evidence to this claim in an essay format. Students will use a variety of resources including, primary, secondary, and other media to analyze this claim.
debates	In two groups, students will use the evidence from their papers, and collaboration with peers to respond to questions in a debate format
	Other Assessment Evidence:
	Daily journal writing addressing the essential question at the beginning at the end of the class. This will serve as both a pre and post assessment for each topic.
	Written assessments: Analysis of primary sources
	Document study: analysis of formal arguments
	Written analysis of quotes on government
	Write an evidence based essay with arguments both agreeing and disagreeing with the statement.

T, M, A (Code for Transfer, Meaning Making and Acquisition)	STAGE THREE: Plan Learning Experiences	
	Learning Events:	
	E1: How does the government affect you? Pre-assessment: Respond to EQ in journal	
А	Over view video on the role of government's specific roles and responsibilities	
А	 Study of the role of government: explore and define these public goods Maintaining order Distriction life and like studies 	
	 Protecting life and liberty Providing Public Goods: schools, roads, fire and police protection, library/parks Read current events and determine how values affect spending decisions 	
Μ		
Т	Formative assessment: Evaluate these public services and determine how many tax dollars should be spent in each category in response to the EQ: How does the government affect you?	
	E2 How do ideas and values shape laws?	
A A	 Pre-assessment: respond to EQ in journal The role of power in government: activities and discussion 	
	• Center Activity: the different types of government and the ideas and events that formed them: monarchy, oligarchy, totalitarian, fascism, democracy, republican, and parliamentary	
Μ	• Analyze how historical circumstances shape forms of government	
M and T	Formative assessment: Classify governments and determine the positives and negatives of each form in response to the EQ: How do ideas and values shape laws?	
А	E3 How do ideas and values shape laws? Pre assessment: Respond to EQ and create a KWL chart on the structure of federal, state and local governments	
А	Division of power, checks and balances, federalism	
А	6 Principles of the Constitution	
М	Jigsaw case study analysis of the principles of the constitution in action	
	Formative assessment: Multiple choice quiz and short answer quiz on the content	

	E4 Does the rule of law apply to all citizens, and how has it changed?
A	Pre-assessment: Respond to EQ Explain the concept of Judicial review
М	Partner study of court cases, practicing close reading strategies, focusing on the increasing protections of the accused. Students to present their
Μ	work to class Investigation of current events and the application of the rule of law.
Μ	Formative assessment: Respond to EQ using evidence from primary and secondary sources
	E5 How has American Democracy evolved over time?
A	Amendment process and the necessary and proper clause
Μ	Investigate in partners primary and secondary sources of the constitution as a "living document"
A	Activity on how the elective franchise has expanded over time
Μ	Formative Assessment: Write an evidence based essay agreeing and disagreeing with the idea that the "The founders of the constitution created a document that has adapted to changing times and protect the rights and provides equal opportunity for all citizens"