

Mastery Level (ML) Codes: 1=Standard should be taught in depth; 2=Students need a basic foundation; 3=If time permits

ML	Expectation	Explanation	Pacing	Assessment	Resources
7.5.1 Principles and Documents of Government					
1	1. Cite examples from U.S. history on how the rule of law protects property rights, individual rights and the common good.	Rule of Law - Once a law is established, everyone must follow the law, no exceptions			
1	2. Compare and contrast a direct democracy with a republican form of government.	direct democracy - each person one vote for all issues; republican - each person votes on representatives			
1	3. Explain how the principle of democracy shapes national government.				
1	4. Summarize the basic principles and ideals within the Bill of Rights and the U.S. Constitution.				
1	5. Summarize individual rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.				
2	6. Describe how the media uses political symbols to influence public opinion.				
1	7. Define the Natural Law.				
7.5.2 Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship					
1	1. Compare the rights and responsibilities of citizens in two historical periods in U.S. history.	before and after amendments			
1	2. Compare the methods citizens use to resolve conflicts in society and in the government.	legal system, vigilante, remove politicians from office			
1	3. Compare two public servants in regards to their impact on their community, state and nation.				
1	4. Describe the citizen's role in the political process.				
1	5. State that a Christian has a moral obligation to be involved in the political life of his/her country.				
7.5.3 How Government Works					
1	1. Compare and contrast the responsibilities and powers of the three branches of government.				
1	2. Discuss the influences that shaped the U.S. three branch government system.				

1	3. Describe how government services are divided among the federal, state, and local governments.				
2	4. Cite examples of the roles that political parties played in history.	candidates for office, use of mass media to influence others			
2	5. Describe issues with the voting process that were evident in the history of the U.S.				
2	6. Cite two examples of how public conflicts were settled by the court system.	When was a slave free? Which states were free or slave states?			
2	7. Discuss why some interest groups have more influence in the government.	wealth, helped get someone elected, public support			
2	8. Select a political issue and determine the influence of the media on that issue.				
1	9. Identify types of local, state and national taxes.				
1	10. Compare democracy with another form of government.				
7.5.4 How International Relationships Function					
1	1. Describe a conflict between two countries that was due to varying interests.				
2	2. Describe how countries coexist in the world community.				
2	3. Describe a natural disaster and what agencies were there to provide support.				
2	4. Describe how mass media can influence how we perceive events.				
1	5. Explain that the Church does not favor any one form of government, but that all governments should safeguard the holiness of each person.				