

Social Studies: US Government Grade 8 Extension

Archdiocese of Washington Core Standards for US Government 8 Extension

Core Standard	1	Core Standard	2
<p>The Nature of Politics and Government</p> <p>Compare and contrast the various types of governments (examples: monarchy, oligarchy, representative democracy, dictatorship, autocracy). Describe the source of authority that each has used to legitimize government power.</p> <p>[Standard Indicators: USG8E.1.4, USG8E.1.5, USG8E.1.6, USG8E.1.7, USG8E.1.8, USG8E.1.10]</p>		<p>Democratic Principles of American Civic Life</p> <p>Discuss the ways in which founding era ideas and documents relate to contemporary society. Explain past and present efforts to narrow discrepancies between fundamental democratic principles and the realities of American political and civic life. Explain the importance of a civil society for the preservation and improvement of our form of government.</p> <p>[Standard Indicators: USG8E.1.7, USG8E.1.9, USG8E.1.10, USG8E.1.11, USG8E.2.1, USG8E.2.2, USG8E.2.3, USG8E.2.5, USG8E.2.6, USG8E.2.7, USG8E.5.10, USG8E.5.12]</p>	
Core Standard	3	Core Standard	4
<p>Principles of the United States Government</p> <p>Describe the fundamental principles upon which the United States Constitution is based (examples: limited government, constitutionalism, rule of law, popular sovereignty). Explain how the limited government described in the United States Constitution is related to the development of a market economy.</p> <p>[Standard Indicators: USG8E.1.3, USG8E.1.8, USG8E.1.11, USG8E.2.4, USG8E.3.1, USG8E.3.2, USG8E.3.3, USG8E.3.4]</p>		<p>Defining our Government</p> <p>Explain why the government of the United States is defined as federal, presidential, constitutional, and a representative democracy.</p> <p>[Standard Indicators: USG8E.1.3, USG8E.1.7, USG8E.3.1, USG8E.3.2]</p>	
Core Standard	5	Core Standard	6
<p>Federal Authority and Separation of Powers</p> <p>Compare and contrast characteristics of all branches of the United States government as they appear in the Constitution of the United States of America, including authority, structures, enumerated, implied, and denied powers.</p> <p>[Standard Indicators: USG8E.3.2, USG8E.3.3, USG8E.3.6, USG8E.3.7]</p>		<p>State and Local Authority and Separation of Powers</p> <p>Compare and contrast all branches of state government as they appear in the Constitution of the State of Maryland, including authority, structures, enumerated, implied, and denied powers.</p> <p>[Standard Indicators: USG8E.3.2, USG8E.3.3, USG8E.3.6, USG8E.3.7, USG8E.3.8]</p>	

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Federal Government and State Government Processes Analyze processes essential to the functioning of our federal and state governments (examples: the process of how a bill becomes a law; how to amend the Constitution and why it is such a difficult task; how the executive branch forms and implements policy; how the judicial branch utilizes concepts of judicial review; and due process). [Standard Indicators: USG8E.3.9, USG8E.3.10, USG8E.3.11, USG8E.3.12, USG8E.3.18, USG8E.3.19]		Voting and Elections Explain the electoral process at the national, state, and local levels. Explain how citizens participate in elections. Explain various points of view associated with different political parties and contemporary public issues. [Standard Indicators: USG8E.3.13, USG8E.3.14, USG8E.3.15, USG8E.3.20, USG8E.5.7, USG8E.5.8, USG8E.5.12]	

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Public Policy Discuss the influence of the media on public opinion and public policy. Analyze the relationship between special interest groups and national, state, and local governments and describe the effect this has on public policy. [Standard Indicators: USG8E.3.17, USG8E.3.20]		Foreign Policy and Global Affairs Discuss the effects of United States trade, diplomacy, treaties, and military action on relationships among various nations. Explain ways in which the United States foreign policy is formulated, influenced, and used to address global challenges. [Standard Indicators: USG8E.4.1, USG8E.4.2, USG8E.4.3, USG8E.4.4, USG8E.4.5, USG8E.4.6, USG8E.4.7, USG8E.4.9]	

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Citizenship Define the legal meaning of, requirements for, responsibilities of, and benefits of citizenship in the United States of America. [Standard Indicators: USG8E.5.1, USG8E.5.2, USG8E.5.3, USG8E.5.4, USG8E.5.5, USG8E.5.7, USG8E.5.9]		The Government of the District of Columbia (Are there unique standards needed to address government in the District of Columbia?)	