

Spanish Fork High School 2013-2014

Learning Targets: U.S. Government & Citizenship

Students will investigate the ideas and events that significantly influenced the creation of the United States Constitution and the United States' form of government, a compound constitutional republic.

- I can identify several philosophies that contributed to the Constitution.
- I can list and describe multiple events that led to the creation of the Constitution.
- I can explain how compromise affected the Constitution.

Students will analyze the 6 main principles of the Constitution, (popular sovereignty, limited government, checks and balances, separation of powers, federalism, judicial review)

- I can list and describe the 6 main principles of the Constitution.

Students will understand the organization and functions of the legislative branch of government.

- I can describe how the United States Congress makes laws.

Students will investigate the organization and function of the executive branch of government.

- I can describe ways in which the executive branch carries out laws.

Students will investigate the organization and function of the judicial branch of government.

- I can describe how laws are interpreted by the court system.
- I can identify the rights and liberties outlined in the bill of rights.
- I can explain origin and application of judicial review.

Students will understand the protections and privileges of individuals and groups in the United States.

- I can identify and describe the rights and freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.
- I can identify several landmark Supreme Court cases and their impact on present day.

Students will investigate the responsibilities of citizens in the United States.

- I can list several responsibilities and obligations of a citizen.
- I can list several ways in which responsible citizens take part in civic life.
- I can describe methods for respectfully dealing with differences.

Students will understand basic economic principles and how they influence everyday life.

- I can describe major economic systems.
- I can describe how supply and demand affect the availability of goods and resources.