

CIVICS STANDARDS

Arkansas Adult Education

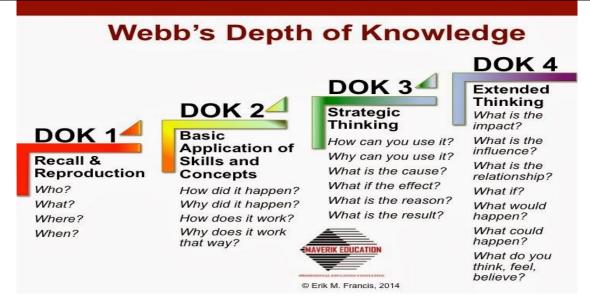


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Citizen	Government	Election	Bias	Validity
Sovereignty	Liberty	Rights	Justice	Equality
Common Good	Majority Rule	Majority Rule Minority Rights		Constitutionalism
Representative Democracy	Bill of Rights	Declaration of Independence	US Constitution	Arkansas Constitution
Due Process	Amendment	Republic	Subpoena	Citizenship
Jury Duty	Selective Service Registration	Federalism	Local Government	State Government
Legislative Branch	Executive Branch	Judicial Branch	Source of Revenue	Civil Law
Criminal Law	Juvenile Law	Caucus System	Diplomacy	Treaty
Monarchy	Theocracy	Dictatorship	Representative Government	







1	Understand that	Benchmark	Guiding Topics
l i	1.1 Understand the foundations of the American Political	a. What is the American idea of constitutional government?	 Distributing governmental power and preventing its abuse The American federal system
System	System	b. What are the distinctive characteristics of American society?	3. The institutions of the national government4. Major responsibilities of the national government in domestic and foreign policy
	c. What is American political culture?	5. Financing government through taxation6. The constitutional status of state and local	
	d. What values and principles are basic to American constitutional democracy?	governments 7. Organization of state and local governments 8. Major responsibilities of state and local governments 9. The place of law in American society	
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			13.Political communication: television, radio, the press, and political persuasion 14.Political parties, campaigns, and elections
			15. Associations and groups 16. Forming and carrying out public policy





Understand that	Benchmark	Guiding Topics
1. Understand what are Civic Life, Politics, and Government is.	a. Define and provide examples of foundational ideas of the American government. b. What are the essential characteristics of limited and unlimited government? c. What are the nature and purposes of constitutions?	 Defining civic life, politics, and government What purposes does the government serve? Necessity of politics and government The purposes of politics and government Limited and unlimited governments The rule of law Civil society and government The relationship of limited government to political and economic freedom Concepts of "constitution" Purposes and uses of constitutions Constitutions under which constitutional government flourishes Shared powers and parliamentary systems Confederal, federal, and unitary systems Nature of representation





Understand that	Benchmark	Guiding Topics
1.3 Understand how the Government established by the Constitution embodies the purposes, values, and principles of American democracy?	a. How are power and responsibility distributed, shared, and limited in the government established by the United States Constitution? b. How is the national government organized, and what does it do? c. How are state and local governments organized, and what do they do? d. What is the place of law in the American constitutional system?	 Distributing governmental power and preventing its abuse The American federal system The institutions of the national government Major responsibilities of the national government in domestic and foreign policy Financing government through taxation The constitutional status of state and local governments Organization of state and local governments Major responsibilities of state and local governments The place of law in American society Judicial protection of the rights of individuals The public agenda Public opinion and behavior of the electorate Political communication: television, radio, the press, and political persuasion Political parties, campaigns, and elections Associations and groups Forming and carrying out public policy





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Understand that 1.4 Understand the roles of an American citizen in American Democracy.	a. What is citizenship? b. What are the rights of citizens? c. What are the responsibilities of citizens? d. What civic dispositions or traits of private and public character are important to the preservation and improvement of American	 The meaning of citizenship in the United States Becoming a citizen Personal rights Political rights Economic rights Relationships among personal, political, and economic rights Scope and limits of rights Personal responsibilities Civic responsibilities Dispositions that lead the citizen to be an independent member of society
	e. How can citizens take part in civic life?	11.Dispositions that foster respect for individual worth and human dignity 12.Dispositions that incline the citizen to public affairs 13.Dispositions that facilitate thoughtful and effective participation in public affairs 14.The relationship between politics and the attainment of individual and public goals 15.The difference between political and social participation





			16.Forms of political participation 17.Political leadership and careers in public service 18.Knowledge and participation
Understa	and that	Benchmark	Guiding Topics
relation United	lerstand the ship of the States to ations and to ffairs?	a. How is the world organized politically? b. How do the domestic politics and constitutional principles of the United States affect its relations with the world? c. How has the United States influenced other nations, and how have other nations influenced American politics and society?	 Nation-states Interaction among nation-states International organizations The historical context of United States foreign policy The ends and means of United States foreign policy Impact of the American concept of democracy and individual rights on the world Political developments Economic, technological, and cultural developments Demographic and environmental developments United States and international organizations