



CIVICS STANDARDS

Arkansas Adult Education



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Citizen	Government	Election	Bias	Validity
Sovereignty	Liberty	Rights	Justice	Equality
Common Good	Majority Rule	Minority Rights	Faction	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	

Webb's Depth of Knowledge

DOK 1 Recall & Reproduction

Who?
What?
Where?
When?

DOK 2 Basic Application of Skills and Concepts

How did it happen?
Why did it happen?
How does it work?
Why does it work that way?

DOK 3 Strategic Thinking

How can you use it?
Why can you use it?
What is the cause?
What if the effect?
What is the reason?
What is the result?

DOK 4

Extended Thinking
What is the impact?
What is the influence?
What is the relationship?
What if?
What would happen?
What could happen?
What do you think, feel, believe?



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	Understand that ...	Benchmark	Guiding Topics
	1.1 Understand the foundations of the American Political System	a. What is the American idea of constitutional government?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Distributing governmental power and preventing its abuse2. The American federal system3. The institutions of the national government4. Major responsibilities of the national government in domestic and foreign policy5. Financing government through taxation6. The constitutional status of state and local governments7. Organization of state and local governments8. Major responsibilities of state and local governments9. The place of law in American society10. Judicial protection of the rights of individuals11. The public agenda12. Public opinion and behavior of the electorate13. Political communication: television, radio, the press, and political persuasion14. Political parties, campaigns, and elections15. Associations and groups16. Forming and carrying out public policy
b. What are the distinctive characteristics of American society?			
c. What is American political culture?			
d. What values and principles are basic to American constitutional democracy?			



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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.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Defining civic life, politics, and government 2. What purposes does the government serve? 3. Necessity of politics and government 4. The purposes of politics and government 5. Limited and unlimited governments 6. The rule of law 7. Civil society and government 8. The relationship of limited government to political and economic freedom 9. Concepts of "constitution" 10. Purposes and uses of constitutions 11. Constitutions under which constitutional government flourishes 12. Shared powers and parliamentary systems 13. Confederal, federal, and unitary systems 14. Nature of representation
	b. What are the essential characteristics of limited and unlimited government?	
	c. What are the nature and purposes of constitutions?	



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	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?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Distributing governmental power and preventing its abuse2. The American federal system3. The institutions of the national government4. Major responsibilities of the national government in domestic and foreign policy5. Financing government through taxation6. The constitutional status of state and local governments7. Organization of state and local governments8. Major responsibilities of state and local governments9. The place of law in American society10. Judicial protection of the rights of individuals11. The public agenda12. Public opinion and behavior of the electorate13. Political communication: television, radio, the press, and political persuasion14. Political parties, campaigns, and elections15. Associations and groups16. Forming and carrying out public policy
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?			



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	Understand that ...	Benchmark	Guiding Topics
	1.4 Understand the roles of an American citizen in American Democracy.	a. What is citizenship?	1. The meaning of citizenship in the United States
b. What are the rights of citizens?		2. Becoming a citizen 3. Personal rights 4. Political rights	
c. What are the responsibilities of citizens?		5. Economic rights 6. Relationships among personal, political, and economic rights	
d. What civic dispositions or traits of private and public character are important to the preservation and improvement of American constitutional democracy?		7. Scope and limits of rights 8. Personal responsibilities 9. Civic responsibilities 10. 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	



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- 16. Forms of political participation
- 17. Political leadership and careers in public service
- 18. Knowledge and participation

Understand that ...	Benchmark	Guiding Topics
1.5 Understand the relationship of the United States to other nations and to world affairs?	a. How is the world organized politically?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nation-states 2. Interaction among nation-states 3. International organizations 4. The historical context of United States foreign policy 5. The ends and means of United States foreign policy 6. Impact of the American concept of democracy and individual rights on the world 7. Political developments 8. Economic, technological, and cultural developments 9. Demographic and environmental developments 10. United States and international organizations
	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?	