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ABSTRACT

In its 20th year, History Day in California, a statewide program, is a history-based learning experience for students from grades 4-12. Through participation in History Day, students not only learn about issues, ideas, people, and events in history, but they apply what they have learned through creative and original productions and by developing research and analytical skills as they process the information they gather through research. Students may participate in any of the following categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, 4/5th grade poster, or historical Web site. History Day is a performance-based endeavor that fully supports the California state history/social science content standards. The History Day process challenges students to develop higher-order thinking skills. The theme for 2002-2003 History Day in California is "Rights and Responsibilities in History." This guide contains a grade-by-grade list of topic ideas for each subsection of the history/social science content standards. Topics listed in the guide are: "Grade 4--California: A Changing State"; "Grade 5 U.S. History and Geography: Making a New Nation"; "Grade 6 World History and Geography: Ancient Civilizations"; "Grade 7 World History and Geography: Medieval and Early Modern Times"; "Grade 8 U.S. History and Geography: Growth and Conflict"; "Grade 10 World History, Culture, and Geography: The Modern World"; "Grade 11 U.S. History and Geography: Continuity and Change in the Twentieth Century"; and "Grade 12 Principles of American Democracy". (BT)



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HISTORY DAY IN CALIFORNIA IN TODAY'S CLASSROOM MEETING THE CALIFORNIA CONTENT STANDARDS

INTRODUCTION

History Day in California is a statewide program sponsored by Constitutional Rights Foundation and the California Department of Education in conjunction with National History Day. Now in its twentieth year, History Day is an exciting, history-based learning experience for students from 4-12th grades. Through participation in History Day, students not only learn about issues, ideas, people and events in history, but they apply what they have learned through creative and original productions. Beyond simply memorizing names and dates and reporting on historical events, History Day students develop invaluable research and analytical skills as they process the information gathered through intensive research and draw their own conclusions about their topic's significance in history.

Students may choose to participate in any of the following categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, $4/5^{th}$ grade poster, or historical website. Posters and websites comprise the "California Only" categories in which participants are not eligible to advance to the National History Day competition.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

History Day is a performance-based academic endeavor that fully supports the California History-Social Science Framework and History/Social Science Content Standards. History Day provides students with an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities to apply learned information through authentic assessment in student-outcome products and can easily be integrated into the everyday classroom curriculum. In fact, History Day is an ideal instructional methodology in that it is easily content-adaptable, caters to the specific needs and interests of students of all different levels and abilities, supports high academic standards by including varied methods of participation and interdisciplinary approaches, and inherently produces a progressive stream of student product for evaluation and assessment. History Day allows for not only traditional evaluation methods, but also provides the opportunity for students to engage in peer evaluation, as well as receive outside feedback from history professionals.

The History Day process challenges students to develop higher-order thinking skills. History becomes much more than dates and names when students are required to gather information and then draw their own conclusions, based upon their research, of a topic's significance in history. Because History Day emphasizes such things as **historical context**, **cause and effect**, **impact**, and **balanced research**, students are required to think critically about the



information they have collected, analyze the information, and show how their research supports their conclusions. These areas of emphasis directly coincide with, and support, the majority of **the History and Social Science Analysis Skills listed in the Content Standards**. Through the History Day process, students obtain factual knowledge and research skills that match and even surpass those of graduate-level history students.

Beyond the historical content, the intensive research that History Day students undertake also encourages skills that will benefit them in all their future educational endeavors. History Day students learn to distinguish between and properly utilize primary and secondary sources. They learn how to seek out and find source materials from a variety of resources. They learn how to distinguish between useful and non-useful resources. Competition rules require that they develop an annotated bibliography, thus students learn how to create a proper bibliography and to write a proper annotation. They also gain practical skills such as interviewing, writing, editing, teamwork, and public speaking. In addition, students are given an opportunity to exercise their creativity and learn new technical skills such as editing videos, designing websites, creating props and costumes, or constructing exhibit displays. History Day gives students an opportunity to exercise their ingenuity and breeds a sense of ownership in the topic and resulting product because they were able to select it themselves. History Day students often comment on the sense of accomplishment they feel upon seeing the process through from start to finish.

In addition, the benefits to History Day teachers are enormous because the program allows teachers to meet their teaching goals while maintaining their students' interest and enthusiasm in learning.

HOW TO USE THIS SUPPLEMENT

This supplement was created to aid teachers and students in selecting a topic for the 2002-2003 History Day in California program. The theme for this year is **Rights and Responsibilities in History**. The pages that follow contain a grade by grade list of topic ideas for each subsection of the History/Social Science Content Standards (for grades 4-12 only). This information is provided to assist students and teachers in identifying and selecting History Day topics directly related to their course of study, and to help better integrate History Day into their everyday history/social science curriculum.

The possible History Day topics included in this supplement are *merely suggestions* to assist students and teachers in the difficult task of topic selection. History Day in California does not require that a topic be derived from a student's current curriculum, nor are there any official restrictions on time period or range of impact of a topic. However, the ultimate decision about which topic to choose is up to the student and his/her teacher. It is important to remember that any topic chosen must be related to this year's theme.



SELECTING A TOPIC AND CREATING A RESEARCH PLAN

Students begin work in a History Day entry by choosing a topic, usually starting with a broad preliminary area of interest and then narrowing it down. While investigating potential subjects, students need to determine if there are sufficient primary and secondary sources available to support an entry. They must make sure that their topic is related to the annual theme and that they can explain its significance in history. The flexibility of the theme encourages students to pursue subjects which interest them; many research events or issues related to their family or community. After choosing a topic, students develop a research plan. They must set goals, form hypotheses and create thesis statements of questions to guide their research, and meet deadlines. Both in the details as well as the process, students develop and reinforce positive attitudes about their abilities and potential as learners and persons.

RESEARCHING THE HISTORY DAY ENTRY

While researching their History Day entries, students become empowered, engaged and excited learners. They become historians who do history rather than just read about history in textbooks, in the process mastering historical knowledge and developing historical thinking skills that transfer to other areas of their lives. They begin the research process by identifying and reading secondary sources such as monographs, articles, and encyclopedias. These sources provide students with an overview of their topic and an understanding of its broader historical context. Often, students will contact experts for additional information or suggestions for other sources. After doing this background research, students are then ready to do more in-depth research in primary sources. The quest for primary sources may take them to libraries, museums, archives, historical societies, or historic sites as well as to the internet. They may conduct oral history interviews with participants in the events they are studying. Frequently, they look for non-textual sources such as photographs, maps, videos, and artifacts. Students must then analyze their sources, reconstructing the meaning and evaluating the bias and credibility of each source. They should take notes and keep their notes well organized. They should look critically at their own research and make sure that they have considered all appropriate perspectives; they should identify weak areas that require additional investigation.

DEVELOPING AN INTERPRETATION

Even as they conduct their research, students begin to develop their own interpretation of their topic. They must analyze and synthesis the information they have discovered in their primary sources and construct their own historical narrative, organizing their material chronological or topically. Their interpretation should be balanced, incorporating all relevant perspectives. They should consider the opinions and actions of opponents as well as supporters. Their interpretation should place their subject into historical context – its intellectual, physical, social, and cultural setting. They must also provide historical perspective on their topic, explaining its causes and consequences, or, for a family or local history topic, how it relates to larger events or trends.



CREATING AND PRESENTING THE HISTORY DAY ENTRY

As they do their research and develop their interpretations, students must consider which category is the most appropriate way of presenting their research and analysis. Students present their History Day entries in on of six formats:

Historical Paper – a paper is the traditional for presenting historical research and interpretation. As an alternative to a research paper, students may choose to write a historically based creative paper, such as a fictional diary or an epic poem.

Exhibit – an exhibit is a visual representation of a topic and its significance in history, much like a small museum exhibit. Labels and captions should be used creatively with visual images and objects to enhance the message of the exhibit.

Documentary – a documentary may take the form of a videotape, slide show, Power Point presentation, or similar types of multimedia presentations. It uses images such as film, video, or photographs and audio such as music, excerpts from tapes, and voiceovers to present topic.

Performance – a performance is a dramatic portrayal of a topic and its significance in history. It should be original and creative, not simply an oral report or a recitation of facts.

Website – a website is presentation designed to accommodate the technological advances not fitting within the parameters of the traditional Documentary category. It is designed specifically for students who wish to create computer web site using the latest computer graphics and internet technology.

4/5th **Grade Poster** – a poster is a visual presentation of a student's research and interpretation of a topic's significance in history. Labels and captions should be used creatively with visual images and objects to enhance the message of the poster.

Every entry must include an annotated bibliography, separated into primary and secondary sources. In every category except papers, students must also write a no more than 500-word process paper explaining how they conducted their research and developed their entries. The process paper concludes with an explanation of how the topic relates to the theme.



GRADE 4 CALIFORNIA: A CHANGING STATE

	Standard	Possible Topics
4.1	Students demonstrate an understanding of the Physical and human geographic features that define places and regions in California.	 John Muir, early conservationist Environment and land use.
4.2	Students describe the social, political, cultural and economic life and interactions among people of California form the pre-Columbian societies to the Spanish mission and Mexican rancho periods.	 Immigration and settlement of Californian Native Americans European settlements in California Spanish influence in California Franciscans Mexican rule
4.3	Students explain the economic, social, and political life of California from the establishment of the Bear Flag Republic through the Mexican-American War, the Gold Rush and California statehood.	 Gold Rush Mexican War for Independence California Statehood Bear Flag Revolt & Republic Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
4.4	Students explain how California became an agricultural and industrial power by tracing the transformation of the California economy and its political and cultural development since the 1850's.	 Chinese immigrant laborers Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 Impact of massive immigration (Asian, Mexican, European) Growth of public schools Rise of the entertainment industry Aerospace industry boom Development of freeways Cesar Chavez and the United Farmworkers
4.5	Students understand the structures, functions, and powers of the local, state, and federal governments as described in the U.S. Constitution.	 California Constitution and its relationship to the US Constitution Responsibilities of elected officials



GRADE 5 UNITED STATES HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY: MAKING A NEW NATION

	Standard	Possible Topics
5.1	Students describe the major pre-Columbian settlements including the cliff dwellers and pueblo people of the desert Southwest, the American Indians of the Pacific Northwest, the nomadic nations of the Great Plains, and the woodland peoples east of the Mississippi River.	 Impact of pre-Columbian societies Role of the individual in these societies
5.2	Students trace the routes and describe the early explorations of the Americas.	 Protestant Reformation Spanish Reconquista Entrepreneurial aspects of early explorers
5.3	Students describe the cooperation and conflict that existed among the Indians and the new settlers.	 The Trail of Tears Native American experience Relations between settlers and Indians Shay's Rebellion Leaders
5.4	Students understand the political, religious, social, and economical institutions that evolved in the colonial era.	 Founding of colonies The Great Awakening and other religions Slavery Emergence of representative democracies
5.5	Students explain the cause of the American Revolution.	 Individuals of the period and their contributions Stamp and Townsend Acts Boston Massacre Boston Tea Party Continental Congresses
5.6	Students understand the course and consequences of the American Revolution	Thomas Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence Battle of Yorktown Impact of war
5.7	Students relate the narrative of the people and events associated with the development of the U.S. Constitution and analyze its significance at the foundation of the American republic	 Constitution and the Bill of Rights Articles of Confederation State constitutions The "American Creed"
5.8	Students trace the colonization, immigration and settlement patterns of the American people from 1789 to the mid-1800's, with emphasis on the defining role of economic incentives and the effects of the physical and political geography and transportation systems.	 Trail of Tears The Texas War for Independence The Mexican-American War Women's Suffrage in Wyoming, 1869



GRADE 6 WORLD HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY: ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS

	Standard	Possible Topics
6.1	Students describe what is known through archaeological studies of the early and cultural development of mankind from the Paleolithic Era to the agricultural revolution.	 Agricultural Revolution – pastoralism Hunter-gatherer societies Human adaptation to the environment
6.2	Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the early civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Kush.	 Egyptian art and trade Hammurabi's Code Development of written languages Queen Hatshepsut and Ramses the Great Evolution of language and writing
6.3	Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the Ancient Hebrews.	Monotheism Judaism Exodus
6.4	Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the early civilization of Ancient Greece.	 Rise of city-states and relationship to geography Role of Greek mythology and literature Persian Empire and Persian Wars Alexander the Great, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle Fall of Greece to Rome
6.5	Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the early civilization of India.	 Aryan invasions Brahmanisim and Hinduism The caste system Buddha Maurya Empire
6.6	Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the early civilization of China.	Confucius and his teachingsShang, Qin, Han DynastiesMovement of Buddhism
6.7	Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the development of Rome.	 Rise of the Roman Republic and Roman Law Transition from Republic to empire Caesar Migration of Jewish people Origin and Spread of Christianity Legacy of Roman empire and its results



GRADE 7 WORLD HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY: MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN TIMES

	Standard	Possible	Горісѕ
7.1	Students analyze the causes and effects of the vast expansion and ultimate disintegration of the Roman Empire.	Strengths, weaknesse Rome Byzantine Empire Eastern Orthodox and civilizations	
7.2	Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the civilizations of Islam in the Middle Ages.	Islam and its relation of Judaism Origins of Islam Muhammad Arabic language Trade in Arab society Arab society	
7.3	Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the civilizations of China in the Middle Ages.	Reunification of China Tang and Sung Dyna Mongols Ming Dynasty Historical influence of block printing, the con gunpowder.	sties tea, paper, wood-
7.4	Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the sub-Saharan civilizations of Ghana and Mali in Medieval Africa.	Niger River area Ghana and Mali Empi Development of West Growth of Arabic lang Caravan trading Written and oral history	Africa uage
7.5	Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the civilizations of Medieval Japan.	Influence of China and The reign of Prince Sl The Lord-vassal syste Military society and th	d Korea on Japan hotuku em
7.6	Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the civilizations of Medieval Europe.	Geography of Europe land and its relationsh Spread of Christianity Feudalism Developments of med and constitutional pra The Crusades Bubonic Plague The role of the Cathol Muslim rule in the Ibe	nip to way of life north lieval English legal ctices lic Church rian Peninsula
7.7	Students compare and contrast the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the Meso-American and Andean civilizations.	Relationship of the ph environment and civili Aztec, Incan Rise of empires and c and Incas by Spain Meso-American achie	zations-Mayan, conquest of Aztec
7.8	Students analyze the origins, accomplishments, and geographic diffusion of the Renaissance.	Revival of classic lear interest in humanism Role of Florence in Re	



		The "Silk Road" Advancements made during the Renaissance – the people (Shakespeare, da Vinci, etc.)
7.9	Students analyze the historical developments of the Reformation.	 Problems of the Catholic Church Martin Luther The Protestants Counter-Reformation Golden-age of cooperation between Jews and Muslims in medieval Spain
7.10	Students analyze the historical developments of the Scientific Revolution and its lasting effect on religious, political, and cultural institutions.	Roots of the Scientific Revolution New theories and inventions
7.11	Students analyze political and economic change in the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries (the Age of Exploration, the Enlightenment, and the Age of Reason).	 The Great Voyages Exchange of natural materials Origins of Modern Capitalism Enlightenment and is relation to earlier movements Magna Carta



GRADE 8 UNITED STATES HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY: GROWTH AND CONFLICT

	Standard	Possible Topics
8.1	Students understand the major events preceding the founding of the nation and relate their significance to the development of American constitutional democracy.	The Great Awakening
8.2	Students analyze the political principles underlying the US Constitution and compare the enumerated and implied powers of the federal government	
8.3	Students understand the foundation of the American political system and the ways which citizens participate in it.	
8.4	Students analyze the aspirations and ideals of the people of the new nation.	 Rise of Capitalism American daily life Implication of famous people and their words (Washington, Jefferson, Adams)
8.5	Students analyze US foreign policy in the early Republic.	 War of 1812 Mexican-American War Monroe Doctrine Native Americans and treaties with U.S. Government
8.6	Students analyze the divergent paths of the American people from 1800 to the mid-1800s and the challenges they faced, with emphasis on the Northeast.	"Free" blacks of the north
8.7	Students analyze the divergent paths of the American people in the South from 1800 to the mid-1800s and the challenges they faced.	Northern and southern African-Americans
8.8	Students analyze the divergent paths of the American people in the West from 1800 to the mid-1800s and the challenges they faced.	Cherokees' "Trail of Tears"
8.9	Students analyze the early and steady attempts to abolish slavery and to realize the ideals of the Declaration of Independence.	
8.10	Students analyze the multiple causes, key events, and complex consequences of the Civil War.	
8.11	Students analyze the character and lasting consequences of Reconstruction.	Freedmen's Bureau Racial segregation and Jim Crow laws Effect of the Ku Klux Klan



		Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments
8.12	Students analyze the transformation of the American economy and the changing social and political conditions in the United States in response to the Industrial Revolution.	 Federal Indian policy Plessy v. Ferguson Grangerism and Populism Labor Movement and Samuel Gompers Chinese Exclusive Act of 1882 The influx of immigrants Social Darwinism Child labor National Woman Suffrage Association and Carrie Chapman Catt



GRADE 10 WORLD HISTORY, CULTURE, AND GEOGRAPHY: THE MODERN WORLD

	Standard		Possible Topics
10.1	Students relate the moral and ethical principles in ancient Greek and Roman philosophy, in Judaism, and in Christianity to the development of Western political thought.	•	U.S. Constitution influence in the contemporary world Plato's Republic
10.2	Students compare and contrast the Glorious Revolution of England, the American Revolution, and the French Revolution and their enduring effects worldwide on the political expectations for self-government and individual liberty.	•	The effects of the Enlightenment on democratic revolutions in England, France, the US and Latin America The global impact of the American Revolution Napoleon and the spread of nationalism
10.3	Students analyze the effects of the Industrial Revolution in England, France, Germany, Japan, and the United States.	•	The Industrial Revolution Labor Labor Unions Capitalism – Utopianism, Social democracy, Socialism, Communism Charles Dickens and social criticism
10.4	Students analyze patterns of global change in the era of New Imperialism in at least two of the following regions or countries: Africa, Southeast Asia, China, India, Latin America, and the Philippines.	•	Social Darwinism Imperialism Colonialism
10.5	Students analyze the cause and course of the First World War.	•	War Russian Revolution Armenian genocide plans by Ottoman Empire Growth of nationalism, imperialism and militarism leading to WWI
10.6	Students analyze the effects of the First World War.	•	The Balfour Declaration and the creation of the state of Israel The Treaty of Versailles Woodrow Wilson and his Fourteen Points The influence of WWI to literature and art
10.7	Students analyze the rise of totalitarian governments after World War I.	•	The Russian Revolution Lenin, Stalin, Hitler Fascism and Communism
10.8	Students analyze the cause and consequences of World War II.	•	The Holocaust Military and governmental leaders The Warsaw Revolt The Normandy Invasion Attack on Pearl Harbor Japanese American Internment
10.9	Students analyze the international developments in the post-World War II world.	•	Marshall Plan, Truman Doctrines Yalta Pact Cold War U.S. contributions to post-war recovery of Germany and Japan Korean War Vietnam War Chinese Civil War Rise of the Jewish state
10.10	Students analyze instances of nation-building in the	•	Trends and history of these regions



		contemporary world: The Middle East, Africa, Mexico, Latin America, and China.			
	10.11	Students analyze the integration of countries into the world economy and the information,	•	Growth of technology	
1		technological, and communications revolution.			



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GRADE 11 UNITED STATES HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

	Standard		Possible Topics
11.1	Students analyze the significant events in the founding of the nation and its attempts to realize the philosophy of government described in the Declaration of Independence.	AmDeCiv	lightenment nerican Revolution claration of Independence ril War construction
11.2	Students analyze the relationship among the rise of industrialization, large scale rural-to-urban migration, and massive form Southern and Eastern Europe.	 Ind The Arr Ch So 	lustrial Revolution and industrialization e populist and progressives nericanization movement ildren's Bureau cial Darwinism e influx of European immigrants
11.3	Students analyze the role religion played in the founding of America, its lasting moral, social, and political impacts, and issues regarding religious liberty.	SoThe AwSoPer serEst	cial reform movements e Great Awakening and The Second Great vakening cial Gospel Movement rsecution of Mormons, Anti-Catholic ntiment, anti-sentiment tablishment and Free Exercise clause of the
11.4	Students trace the rise of the United States to its role as a world power in the twentieth century.	SpanParWo	en Door Policy anish-American War nama Revolution and Panama Canal orld War I on the home front e role of the U.S. in world affairs after WWII
11.5	Students analyze the major political, social, economic, technological, and cultural developments of the 1920s.	 Pre The The Pas Act Pas Malimp Halimp 	esidents Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover e Palmer Raids e Ku Klux Klan e ACLU, NCAACP, ADL ssage of the 18 th Amendment, the Volstead t (Prohibition) ssage of the 19 th Amendment rcus Garvey and the Universal Negro provement Association rlem Renaissance bowth of Popular culture through technology
11.6	Students analyze the different explanations for the Great Depression and how the New Deal fundamentally changed the role of the federal government.	GaTheFraOrgCes	rment Workers and the Triangle Fire e Great Depression e Dust Bowl ank Roosevelt and the New Deal ganized labor movements sar Chavez cial Security Act
11.7	Students analyze America's participation in World War II.	IsoBoiHai	lationism mbing of Pearl Harbor rry Truman and the decision to drop the mic bomb



		Korematsu v. US-Japanese Internment
11.8	Students analyze the economic boom and social	Mexican immigration into California
1	transformation of post-World War II America.	The California Master Plan and public
		education reform
		 From blue collar to white collar work
		Increased power of the presidency
11.9	Students analyze U.S. foreign policy since World	 The Vietnam and Korean Wars
	War II.	 Joseph McCarthy and McCarthyism
		• NATO
		The Cold War
		Nuclear weapon build-up
		The GI Bill of Rights
		 Ronald Reagan and the end of the Cold War
		United States and the Middle East
11.10	Students analyze the development of federal civil	 Civil rights cases: Dred Scott v. Sandford,
	rights and voting rights.	Plessy v. Ferguson, Brown v. Board of
		Education, University of Berkeley v. Bakke,
		Proposition 209
		Little Rock desegregation
		Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Thurgood Marchall Base Basks
		Marshall, Rosa Parks
		Civil Rights Act of 1964 Matter Bishter Associations
1		Voting Rights Act of 1965 NOS six in a The Black Bankhara
		SNCC, sit-ins, The Black Panthers SNCC SN
		Women's Suffrage Movement – Elizabeth Stanton and Sugan Anthony
44.44	Children and me the major appiel problems and	Stanton and Susan Anthony
11.11	Students analyze the major social problems and domestic policy issues in contemporary American	Poverty Immigration
	Society.	Immigration Reserve Properties
	Occiety.	Race-relations Relativement in I.I.S. society
		Role of women in U.S. society
		Urbanization Agricultural published
		Agricultural subsidies



GRADE 12 PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

	Standard	POSSIBLE TOPICS
12.1	Students explain the fundamental principles and moral values of American democracy as expressed in the U.S. Constitution and other essential documents of American democracy.	 Federalism Federalist Paper Number 10, 51, 78 – James Madison The U.S. Constitution – Bill of Rights Machiavelli, Locke, etc.
12.2	Students evaluate and take and defend positions on the scope and limits of rights and obligations as democratic citizens, the relationships among them, and how they are secured.	 Bill of Rights and individual rights Economic rights Civic responsibility Voting
12.3	Students evaluate and take and defend positions on what the fundamental values and principles of civil society are, their interdependence, and the meaning and importance of those values and principles for a free society.	 Individual opportunity Historic role of religion and religious institutions Democracy vs. non-democratic governments
12.4	Students analyze the unique roles and responsibilities of the three branches of government as established by the U.S. Constitution.	Rights and responsibilities of the federal government
12.5	Students summarize landmark U.S. Supreme Court interpretations of the Constitution and its amendments.	 Brown v. Board of Education Plessy v. Ferguson Regents of the University of California v. Bakke Roe v. Wade
12.6	Students evaluate issues regarding campaigns for national, state, and local elective offices.	 Growth of political parties Voting methods Civic participation Voting trends
12.7	Students analyze and compare the powers and procedures of the national, state, tribal, and local governments.	 Ninth and Tenth Amendments Lawmaking Scope of Presidential power State vs. Federal Governmental powers Local vs. State governmental powers
12.8	Students evaluate and take and defend positions of the influence of the media on American public life.	 Free and responsible press The growth and role of electronic media Use of media by government
12.9	Students analyze the origins, characteristics, and development of different political systems across time, with emphasis on the quest for political democracy, its advances, and its obstacles.	 Distribution of governmental power worldwide Rise of Communism Rise of Dictatorships Responsibility of government to the people it governs





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