



I CAN STATEMENTS

Government

Unit 1 (Types of Governments and Economic Systems)

- I can identify the main purposes and roles of governments.
- I can identify different types of governments (democracy, autocracies, oligarchies, etc.) and characteristics of each. I can identify examples of each government in history and our world today.
- I can identify the four theories of "origin of states." I can show an understanding of how these theories work.
- I can explain the difference between capitalism, communism, socialism and mixed economy systems and give examples in history and our world today.
- I can identify the characteristics of a developing nation, newly developing nation, and an industrialized nation.

Unit 2 (Influences of The Constitution)

- I can summarize the philosophies that contributed to the US Constitution, for example: Machiavelli, Locke, Jefferson Madison, and Hamilton.
- I can explain how the idea of compromise affected the Constitution.
- I can look at documents that influenced the US Constitution and identify the key ideas. I can compare the Articles of Confederation to the US Constitution and understand their similarities and differences.

Unit 3 (The Constitution)

- I can explain the concepts of popular sovereignty and limited government in a democratic society.
- I can identify the concepts of checks and balances and separation of powers and how they are used in the federal system.
- I can show an understanding of the US Constitution and how it outlines the framework of our government. I can explain how power is distributed through the 3 branches of government.
- I can explain how Congress makes and carries out laws. I can identify the power of presidential veto and judicial review in monitoring laws.

Unit 4 (Bill of Rights)

- I can explain the rights and freedoms guaranteed in the US Constitution.
- I can show how the Bill of Rights promotes civil liberties and protects citizen's rights and diversity (specifically the 1st and 14th Amendments)

Unit 5 (Roles of the Branches of Government)

- I can identify the roles and responsibilities of the legislative branch; including the appropriation of money, creating policy, and decision making.
- I can identify the roles and responsibilities of the executive branch; including relations with foreign countries, federal agencies, and internal relationships with individual states.

- I can identify the roles and responsibilities of the judicial branch; including an investigation of how landmark cases have shaped civil rights and individual liberties.
- I can explain the role of local government in the US federal system.

Unit 6 (Responsibilities of Citizens)

- I can explain the responsibilities and obligations of a citizen.
- I can determine the importance of obeying laws, voting, jury duty, and participating in local government.
- I can act civilly in dealing with individuals and groups I differ from.