

Grade 7

CIVICS

- 1 Identify and recognize the various countries and cultures that influenced the government of the United States.** [SS.AAS.7.1](#)

- 2 Define political parties; identify that political leaders are elected in the United States and that political parties work to get their candidates elected.** [SS.AAS.7.2](#)

- 3 Describe the basic ideals of American democracy, including natural rights, basic freedoms, and democratic representation; identify characteristics of other government systems including, monarchy, dictatorship, and democracy.** [SS.AAS.7.3](#)

- 4 Recognize that there are different levels of government, including local and state government.** [SS.AAS.7.4](#)

- 5 Define the three branches of government; recognize the function of each branch of government as making laws, enforcing laws, or reviewing laws; identifying concepts of separation of powers and checks and balances.** [SS.AAS.7.5](#)

- 6 Identify the basic rights under the Bill of Rights; recognize how government protects individual rights; recognize that citizens have a responsibility to follow laws and that there are consequences for breaking laws.** [SS.AAS.7.6](#)

- 7 Define goods and services; identify the basic modern economic system based around currency; identify goods and services and ways consumers get access to them.** [SS.AAS.7.7](#)

- 8 Recall that consumers have to make decisions based on resources and scarcity; recognize examples of consumer and marketplace interaction; identifying economic systems, including market, command, and traditional.** [SS.AAS.7.8](#)

- 9 Identify the principles and purposes of a budget; identify wants and needs and recognize that each has a cost, including food, clothing, shelter, entertainment, utilities.** [SS.AAS.7.9](#)

- 10 Demonstrate that individuals have a responsibility to be good citizens and community members; identify the legal definition of a United States citizen and non-citizen.** [SS.AAS.7.10](#)

- 11 Recognize modern social and economic opportunities and define what they are. Examples include legal protections for workers with disabilities and anti-discrimination laws.** [SS.AAS.7.11](#)

11 Recognize Alabama’s growing role in the world politically and socially including its impact of the modern Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to the present. SS.AAS.7.11

12 Recognize opportunities for participation in community and civic action. SS.AAS.7.12

13 Demonstrate an awareness of current events at the local, state, or national level. SS.AAS.7.13