

# Civcis: Grade 11

## CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATIONS OF CIVIC AND POLITICAL LIFE **C1**

### 1 Nature of Civic Life, Politics, and Government **C1.1**

- 1 Demonstrate an understanding of the roles and responsibilities that citizens have in civic and/or private life. **C.1.FI.11.EH1.1**

### 2 Alternative Forms of Government **C1.2**

- 1 Identify a characteristic that makes the United States a representative democracy (e.g., majority rule, the right to vote, rule of the people, etc.). **C.1.FI.11.EH2.1**
- 2 Demonstrate an understanding of how the United States Constitution defines and limits the power of government. **C.1.FI.11.EH2.2**

## ORIGINS AND FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA **C2**

### 1 Origins of American Constitutional Government **C2.1**

- 2 Identify an example of a modern or historical compromise that was made for the Common Good. **C.2.FI.11.EH1.2**
- 3 Identify one or more ways in which the Constitution or the Bill of Rights ensures the rights of individuals. **C.2.FI.11.EH1.3**

### 2 Foundational Values and Constitutional Principles of American Government **C2.2**

- 1 Identify one or more core democratic values and/or demonstrate an understanding of how those values affect people's lives. **C.2.FI.11.EH2.1**

## STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA **C3**

### 1 Structure, Functions, and Enumerated Powers of National Government **C3.1**

- 1 Demonstrate an understanding that the legislative branch of government was created by the Constitution and/or identify one or more of its functions. **C.3.FI.11.EH1.1**
- 2 Demonstrate an understanding that the executive branch of government was created by the Constitution and/or identify one or more of its functions. **C.3.FI.11.EH1.2**
- 3 Demonstrate an understanding that the judicial branch of government was created by the Constitution and/or identify one or more of its functions. **C.3.FI.11.EH1.3**
- 6 Recognize various revenue sources that fund government (e.g., taxes, licenses, and fees) and/or demonstrate an understanding of how those revenue sources are used. **C.3.FI.11.EH1.6**

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## **2 Powers and Limits on Powers** C3.2

- 3 Recognize one or more ways in which the powers of the federal government are limited by the Constitution (e.g., the separation of powers, checks and balances, individual rights, federalism, the separation of church and state, etc.). C.3.FI.11.EH2.3

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## **3 Structure and Functions of State and Local Governments** C3.3

- 1 Recognize one or more ways in which the powers of state government are limited by the Constitution. C.3.FI.11.EH3.1
- 5 Recognize one or more ways in which citizens influence state or local government. C.3.FI.11.EH3.5

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## **4 System of Law and Laws** C3.4

- 2 Demonstrate an understanding of Rule of Law and/or why it is important. C.3.FI.11.EH4.2
- 3 Demonstrate an understanding of equal protection of the law and/or identify one example of it (e.g., the 14th Amendment, Americans with Disabilities Act, equal opportunity legislation, etc.). C.3.FI.11.EH4.3
- 4 Identify a situation in which the government may need to limit individual rights. C.3.FI.11.EH4.4

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## **5 Other Actors in the Policy Process** C3.5

- 1 Demonstrate an understanding of the ways in which individuals can express their opinions and, thus, influence the public agenda. C.3.FI.11.EH5.1
- 2 Demonstrate an understanding of how and why political parties were created in the past and/or the role they play today. C.3.FI.11.EH5.2
- 4 Identify one or more ways in which public opinion can change or influence public policy. C.3.FI.11.EH5.4
- 7 Demonstrate an understanding of the role that television, radio, the press, and the Internet play in communicating political ideas. C.3.FI.11.EH5.7

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## **THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND WORLD AFFAIRS** C4

### **1 Formation and Implementation of U.S. Foreign Policy** C4.1

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### **2 U.S. Role in International Institutions and Affairs** C4.2

- 4 Recognize that countries and international organizations must work together to solve international problems (e.g., global environmental issues, human rights issues, natural disasters, and issues of health). C.4.FI.11.EH2.4

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## **CITIZENSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** C5

### **1 The Meaning of Citizenship in the United States of America** C5.1

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## **2 Becoming a Citizen** C5.2

- 1 Demonstrate an understanding of the difference between a citizen (by birth or naturalization) and a non-citizen. C.5.FI.11.EH2.1
- 2 Demonstrate an understanding of the process by which immigrants become citizens. C.5.FI.11.EH2.2

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## **3 Rights of Citizenship** C5.3

- 1 Identify one or more personal rights held by American citizens. C.5.FI.11.EH3.1
- 2 Identify one or more political rights held by American citizens. C.5.FI.11.EH3.2
- 3 Identify one or more economic rights held by American citizens. C.5.FI.11.EH3.3
- 4 Demonstrate an understanding of how citizens' personal, political, and economic rights may be in conflict with each other. C.5.FI.11.EH3.4
- 7 Identify one or more legal rights of people who have been accused of a crime. C.5.FI.11.EH3.7

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## **4 Responsibilities of Citizenship** C5.4

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## **5 Dispositions of Citizenship** C5.5

- 1 Identify one or more characteristics of a responsible citizen. C.5.FI.11.EH5.1
- 2 Identify one or more reasons why citizens get involved in public affairs. C.5.FI.11.EH5.2

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## **CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION** C6

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### **1 Civic Inquiry and Public Discourse** C6.1

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### **2 Participating in Civic Life** C6.2