Pennsylvania Social Studies

Civics and Government: Grades 10, 11

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Principles and Documents of Government

Rule of Law

A. Apply examples of the rule of law as related to individual rights and the common good. 5.1.U.A

A. Analyze the sources, purposes, functions of law, and how the rule of law protects individual rights and promotes the common good. 5.1.C.A

Laws and Government

B. Analyze how conflict and cooperation among groups and organizations have influenced the history and development of the world. (Reference History Standards 8.3.9.D.) Employ historical examples and political philosophy to evaluate the major arguments advanced for the necessity of government. 5.1.W.B

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Principles and Ideals that Shape Government

C. Analyze the principles and ideals that shape United States government.
Liberty/Freedom
Democracy
Justice
Equality 5.1.U.C

C. Evaluate the application of the principles and ideals in contemporary civic life.
Liberty/Freedom
Democracy
Justice
Equality 5.1.C.C

Documents and Ideals that Shape Pennsylvania and US Government

D. Compare and contrast the basic principles and ideals found in significant documents: Declaration of Independence
United States Constitution
Bill of Rights
Pennsylvania Constitution 5.1.U.D

D. Evaluate state and federal powers based on significant documents and other critical sources.
Declaration of Independence
United States Constitution
Bill of Rights Pennsylvania Constitution 5.1.C.D

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E. Analyze and assess the rights of people as written in the PA Constitution and the US Constitution. 5.1.C.E

Symbols

F. Analyze the role political symbols play in civil disobedience and patriotic activites. 5.1.U.F

F. Evaluate the role of nationalism in uniting and dividing citizens. 5.1.W.F

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Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship

Civics Rights and Responsibilities

A. Contrast the rights and responsibilities of a citizen in a democracy with a citizen in an authoritarian system. 5.2.U.A

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Conflict and Resolution

B. Analyze strategies used to resolve conflicts in society and government. 5.2.U.B

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B. Analyze strategies used to resolve conflicts in society and government. 5.2.C.B

Leadership and Public Service

C. Examine political leadership and public service in a republican form of government. 5.2.U.C

C. Evaluate political leadership and public service in a republican form of government. 5.2.C.C

Competent and Responsible Citizens

D. Evaluate and demonstrate what makes competent and responsible citizens. 5.2.U.D

D. Evaluate and demonstrate what makes competent and responsible citizens. 5.2.W.D

D. Evaluate and demonstrate what makes competent and responsible citizens. 5.2.C.D

How Government Works

Branches of Government

A. Examine the process of checks and balances among the three branches of government, including the creation of law. 5.3.C.A

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:ructure, Organization, and Operation of Governments

B. Analyze the roles of local, state, and national governments in policy-making. 5.3.C.B

Government Services

C. Explain how government agencies create, amend, and enforce policies in local, state, and national governments. 5.3.C.C

Leadership and Political Elections

D. Evaluate the roles of political parties, interest groups, and mass media in politics and public policy. 5.3.U.D

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Elements of the Election Process

E. Compare and contrast the different election processes for local, state, and national offices. 5.3.C.E

Conflict and the Court System

F. Analyze landmark United States Supreme Court interpretations of the Constitution and its Amendments. 5.3.U.F

F. Explain the Supreme Court's role in interpreting the U.S. Constitution.
Individual rights
States' rights
Civil rights 5.3.C.F

Interest Groups

G. Analyze the influence of interest groups in the political process. 5.3.C.G

Media Influences

H. Evaluate the role of mass media in setting public agenda and influencing political life. 5.3.C.H

Taxes

I. Explain various types of taxes and their purposes. 5.3.C.I

Systems of Government

J. Compare and contrast various systems of government. 5.3.W.J

How International Relationships Function

Countries and Conflicts

A. Explain how United States foreign policy is developed. 5.4.U.A

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Tools of Foreign Policy

B. Explain why and how different foreign policy tools are used to advance a nation's self interest (e.g., diplomacy, economic aid, military aid, sanctions, treaties). 5.4.C.B

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International Organizations

C. Identify the role of international organizations. 5.4.W.C