

District of Columbia Standards- Principles of U.S. Government	Dream of a Nation Chapter(s)											
	1. A People Centered and Accountable Government	2. Citizen Stewardship	3. Creating a Stable and Equitable Economy	4. A New Media That Informs and Empowers	5. Aiming for the Best in Education	6. Re-Powering America	7. Improving Health and Avoiding Alarming Trends	8. Ending Poverty and Building Common Wealth	9. Re-Imaging Business	10. Strengthening Communities	11. Waging Peace	12. A Nation That Shines
<p><b>12.5.</b> Students analyze and compare the powers and procedures of the national, state, tribal, and local governments.</p> <p>1. Explain how conflicts between levels of government and branches of government are resolved.</p> <p>2. Identify the major responsibilities and sources of revenue for state and local governments.</p> <p>4. Discuss the 9th and 10th amendments and interpretations of the extent of the federal government’s power.</p> <p>5. Explain how public policy is formed, including the setting of the public agenda and implementation of it through regulations and executive orders.</p> <p>6. Compare the processes of lawmaking at each of the three levels of government, including the role of lobbying and the media.</p>	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
<p><b>12.6.</b> Students evaluate issues regarding campaigns for national, state, and local elective offices.</p> <p>3. Evaluate the roles of polls, campaign advertising, and the controversies over campaign funding.</p> <p>4. Describe the means that citizens use to participate in the political process (e.g., voting, campaigning, lobbying, filing a legal challenge, demonstrating, petitioning, picketing, and running for political office).</p>	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
<p><b>12.7.</b> Students evaluate and take and defend positions on the</p>												

<p>influence of the media on American political life.</p> <p>1. Discuss the meaning and importance of a free and responsible press.</p> <p>2. Describe the roles of broadcast, print, and electronic media, including the Internet, as means of communication in American politics.</p> <p>3. Explain how public officials use the media to communicate with the citizenry and to shape public opinion.</p>				❖								
<p><b>12.8.</b> 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.</p> <p>1. Discuss the meaning and importance of each of the rights guaranteed under the Bill of Rights and how each is secured (e.g., freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, petition, and privacy).</p> <p>2. Explain how economic rights are secured and their importance to the individual and to society (e.g., the right to acquire, use, transfer, and dispose of property; right to choose one’s work; right to join or not join labor unions; copyright and patent).</p> <p>4. Understand the obligations of civic-mindedness, including voting, being informed on civic issues, volunteering and performing public service, and serving in the military or alternative service.</p> <p>5. Describe the reciprocity between rights and obligations, that is, why enjoyment of one’s rights entails respect for the rights of others.</p>	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖
<p><b>12.11.</b> Students analyze the influence of the federal government on the American economy.</p> <p>1. Explain how the role of government in a market economy includes providing for national defense, addressing environmental concerns, defining and enforcing property rights, attempting to make markets more competitive, and protecting consumer rights.</p> <p>2. List the factors that may cause the costs of government</p>	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖

<p>actions to outweigh the benefits of those actions.</p> <p><b>3.</b> Explain the aims of government fiscal policies (taxation, borrowing, and spending) and their influence on production, employment, and price levels.</p> <p><b>5.</b> Outline how the Federal Reserve uses monetary tools to promote price stability, full employment, and economic growth.</p> <p><b>6.</b> Describe how the government responds to perceived social needs by providing public goods and services.</p> <p><b>7.</b> Explain major revenue and expenditure categories and their respective proportions in the budgets of the federal government.</p> <p><b>8.</b> Describe how federal tax and spending policies affect the national budget and the national debt.</p> <p><b>9.</b> Describe how federal antidiscrimination policies have affected the ability of minority groups to build and transfer wealth and resources (e.g., affirmative action in hiring, and federal labor and housing laws).</p>												
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