

Benchmark Results

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Benchmark#	Description	Remarks/Example	Idea/Standard	Subject	Grade	Body Of Knowledge/ Strand	Cognitive Complexity Rating	Da Ac Re
SS.7.C.1.1	Recognize how Enlightenment ideas including Montesquieu's view of separation of power and John Locke's theories related to natural law and how Locke's social contract influenced the Founding Fathers.		Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government, law, and the American political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.1.2	Trace the impact that the Magna Carta, English Bill of Rights, Mayflower Compact, and Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" had on colonists' views of government.		Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government, law, and the American political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.1.3	Describe how English policies and responses to colonial concerns led to the writing of the Declaration of Independence.		Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government, law, and the American political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.1.4	Analyze the ideas (natural rights, role of		Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	

	the government) and complaints set forth in the Declaration of Independence.		purposes of government, law, and the American political system.					
SS.7.C.1.5	Identify how the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation led to the writing of the Constitution.		Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government, law, and the American political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.1.6	Interpret the intentions of the Preamble of the Constitution.		Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government, law, and the American political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.1.7	Describe how the Constitution limits the powers of government through separation of powers and checks and balances.		Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government, law, and the American political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.1.8	Explain the viewpoints of the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists regarding the ratification of the Constitution and inclusion of a bill of rights.		Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government, law, and the American political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.1.9	Define the rule of law and recognize its influence on the development of		Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government,	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	

	the American legal, political, and governmental systems.		law, and the American political system.				
SS.7.C.2.1	Define the term "citizen," and identify legal means of becoming a United States citizen.		Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A
SS.7.C.2.2	Evaluate the obligations citizens have to obey laws, pay taxes, defend the nation, and serve on juries.		Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A
SS.7.C.2.3	Experience the responsibilities of citizens at the local, state, or federal levels.	Examples are registering or pre-registering to vote, volunteering, communicating with government officials, informing others about current issues, participating in a political campaign/mock election.	Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A
SS.7.C.2.4	Evaluate rights contained in the		Evaluate the roles, rights, and	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A

	Bill of Rights and other amendments to the Constitution.		responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.					
SS.7.C.2.5	Distinguish how the Constitution safeguards and limits individual rights.		Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.2.6	Simulate the trial process and the role of juries in the administration of justice.		Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.2.7	Conduct a mock election to demonstrate the voting process and its impact on a school, community, or local level.		Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	

			society, government, and the political system.					
SS.7.C.2.8	Identify America's current political parties, and illustrate their ideas about government.		Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.2.9	Evaluate candidates for political office by analyzing their qualifications, experience, issue-based platforms, debates, and political ads.		Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.2.10	Examine the impact of media, individuals, and interest groups on monitoring and influencing government.		Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.2.11	Analyze media and political communications		Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	

	(bias, symbolism, propaganda).		of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.					
SS.7.C.2.12	Develop a plan to resolve a state or local problem by researching public policy alternatives, identifying appropriate government agencies to address the issue, and determining a course of action.		Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.2.13	Examine multiple perspectives on public and current issues.		Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.2.14	Conduct a service project to further the public good.	The project can be at the school, community, state, national, or international level.	Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	

			active participation in society, government, and the political system.					
SS.7.C.3.1	Compare different forms of government (direct democracy, representative democracy, socialism, communism, monarchy, oligarchy, autocracy).		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.3.2	Compare parliamentary, federal, confederal, and unitary systems of government.		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.3.3	Illustrate the structure and function (three branches of government established in Articles I, II, and III with corresponding powers) of government in the United States as established in the Constitution.		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.3.4	Identify the relationship and division of powers between the federal government and		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	

	state governments.							
SS.7.C.3.5	Explain the Constitutional amendment process.		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.3.6	Evaluate Constitutional rights and their impact on individuals and society.		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.3.7	Analyze the impact of the 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 24th, and 26th amendments on participation of minority groups in the American political process.		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.3.8	Analyze the structure, functions, and processes of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches.		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.3.9	Illustrate the law making process at the local, state, and federal levels.		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.3.10	Identify sources and types (civil, criminal, constitutional, military) of law.		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	

SS.7.C.3.11	Diagram the levels, functions, and powers of courts at the state and federal levels.		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A
SS.7.C.3.12	Analyze the significance and outcomes of landmark Supreme Court cases including, but not limited to, Marbury v. Madison, Plessy v. Ferguson, Brown v. Board of Education, Gideon v. Wainwright, Miranda v. Arizona, in re Gault, Tinker v. Des Moines, Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier, United States v. Nixon, and Bush v. Gore.		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A
SS.7.C.3.13	Compare the constitutions of the United States and Florida.		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A
SS.7.C.3.14	Differentiate between local, state, and federal governments' obligations and services.		Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A
SS.7.C.4.1	Differentiate concepts related to United States		Demonstrate an understanding of contemporary	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A

	domestic and foreign policy.		issues in world affairs, and evaluate the role and impact of United States foreign policy.					
SS.7.C.4.2	Recognize government and citizen participation in international organizations.	Examples are United Nations, NATO, Peace Corps, World Health Organization, World Trade Organization, International Court of Justice.	Demonstrate an understanding of contemporary issues in world affairs, and evaluate the role and impact of United States foreign policy.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.C.4.3	Describe examples of how the United States has dealt with international conflicts.		Demonstrate an understanding of contemporary issues in world affairs, and evaluate the role and impact of United States foreign policy.	32	7	Civics and Government	N/A	
SS.7.E.1.1	Explain how the principles of a market and mixed economy helped to develop the United States into a democratic nation.		Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the development of a market economy.	32	7	Economics	N/A	
SS.7.E.1.2	Discuss the importance of borrowing and lending in the United States, the government's role in controlling financial institutions, and		Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the development of a market economy.	32	7	Economics	N/A	

	list the advantages and disadvantages of using credit.							
SS.7.E.1.3	Review the concepts of supply and demand, choice, scarcity, and opportunity cost as they relate to the development of the mixed market economy in the United States.		Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the development of a market economy.	32	7	Economics	N/A	
SS.7.E.1.4	Discuss the function of financial institutions in the development of a market economy.		Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the development of a market economy.	32	7	Economics	N/A	
SS.7.E.1.5	Assess how profits, incentives, and competition motivate individuals, households, and businesses in a free market economy.		Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the development of a market economy.	32	7	Economics	N/A	
SS.7.E.1.6	Compare the national budget process to the personal budget process.	Prepare an individual budget which includes housing, food, leisure, communication, and miscellaneous categories and compare that to federal government budget allocations.	Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the development of a market economy.	32	7	Economics	N/A	

SS.7.E.2.1	Explain how federal, state, and local taxes support the economy as a function of the United States government.		Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the institutions, structure, and functions of a national economy.	32	7	Economics	N/A
SS.7.E.2.2	Describe the banking system in the United States and its impact on the money supply.	Examples are the Federal Reserve System and privately owned banks.	Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the institutions, structure, and functions of a national economy.	32	7	Economics	N/A
SS.7.E.2.3	Identify and describe United States laws and regulations adopted to promote economic competition.		Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the institutions, structure, and functions of a national economy.	32	7	Economics	N/A
SS.7.E.2.4	Identify entrepreneurs from various gender, social, and ethnic backgrounds who started a business seeking to make a profit.		Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the institutions, structure, and functions of a national economy.	32	7	Economics	N/A
SS.7.E.2.5	Explain how economic institutions impact the national economy.	Examples are the stock market, banks, credit unions.	Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the institutions, structure, and functions of a national economy.	32	7	Economics	N/A

SS.7.E.3.1	Explain how international trade requires a system for exchanging currency between and among nations.		Understand the fundamental concepts and interrelationships of the United States economy in the international marketplace.	32	7	Economics	N/A
SS.7.E.3.2	Assess how the changing value of currency affects trade of goods and services between nations.		Understand the fundamental concepts and interrelationships of the United States economy in the international marketplace.	32	7	Economics	N/A
SS.7.E.3.3	Compare and contrast a single resource economy with a diversified economy.		Understand the fundamental concepts and interrelationships of the United States economy in the international marketplace.	32	7	Economics	N/A
SS.7.E.3.4	Compare and contrast the standard of living in various countries today to that of the United States using gross domestic product (GDP) per capita as an indicator.		Understand the fundamental concepts and interrelationships of the United States economy in the international marketplace.	32	7	Economics	N/A
SS.7.G.1.1	Locate the fifty states and their capital cities in addition to the nation's capital on a map.		Understand how to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technology to report	32	7	Geography	N/A

			information.					
SS.7.G.1.2	Locate on a world map the territories and protectorates of the United States of America.	Examples are American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands.	Understand how to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technology to report information.	32	7	Geography	N/A	
SS.7.G.1.3	Interpret maps to identify geopolitical divisions and boundaries of places in North America.		Understand how to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technology to report information.	32	7	Geography	N/A	
SS.7.G.2.1	Locate major cultural landmarks that are emblematic of the United States.	Examples are Statue of Liberty, White House, Mount Rushmore, Capitol, Empire State Building, Gateway Arch, Independence Hall, Alamo, Hoover Dam.	Understand physical and cultural characteristics of places.	32	7	Geography	N/A	
SS.7.G.2.2	Locate major physical landmarks that are emblematic of the United States.	Examples are Grand Canyon, Mt. Denali, Everglades, Great Salt Lake, Mississippi River, Great Plains.	Understand physical and cultural characteristics of places.	32	7	Geography	N/A	
SS.7.G.2.3	Explain how major physical characteristics, natural resources, climate, and absolute and relative location have influenced settlement, economies, and		Understand physical and cultural characteristics of places.	32	7	Geography	N/A	

	inter-governmental relations in North America.							
SS.7.G.2.4	Describe current major cultural regions of North America.	Examples are the South, Rust-belt, Silicon Valley.	Understand physical and cultural characteristics of places.	32	7	Geography	N/A	
SS.7.G.3.1	Use maps to describe the location, abundance, and variety of natural resources in North America.		Understand the relationships between the Earth's ecosystems and the populations that dwell within them.	32	7	Geography	N/A	
SS.7.G.4.1	Use geographic terms and tools to explain cultural diffusion throughout North America.		Understand the characteristics, distribution, and migration of human populations.	32	7	Geography	N/A	
SS.7.G.4.2	Use maps and other geographic tools to examine the importance of demographics within political divisions of the United States.		Understand the characteristics, distribution, and migration of human populations.	32	7	Geography	N/A	
SS.7.G.5.1	Use a choropleth or other map to geographically represent current information about issues of conservation or ecology in the local community.	Examples are tri-county mangrove decimation, beach erosion.	Understand how human actions can impact the environment.	32	7	Geography	N/A	

SS.7.G.6.1	Use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or other technology to view maps of current information about the United States.	Examples are population density, changes in census data, and district reapportionment over time.	Understand how to apply geography to interpret the past and present and plan for the future.	32	7	Geography	N/A
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