**UNIT 1 - American Government**



CE.C&G.1 Analyze the foundations and development of American government in terms of **principles and values**.

CE.C&G.1.1 Explain how the **tensions over power and authority** led America’s founding fathers to develop a constitutional democracy.

CE.C&G.1.2 Explain how the Enlightenment and other contributing theories impacted the writing of the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights to help promote **liberty, justice and equality**.

CE.C&G.1.3 Evaluate how debates on power and authority between **Federalists and Anti-Federalists** have helped shape government in the United States over time.

CE.C&G.1.4 Analyze the principles and ideals underlying American democracy in terms of how they **promote freedom**.

CE.C&G.1.5 Evaluate the fundamental principles of American politics in terms of the extent to which they have been used **effectively to maintain constitutional democracy** in the United States.

CE.C&G.2 Analyze **government systems** within the United States in terms of their structure, function and relationships.

CE.C&G.2.1 Analyze the structures of national, state and local governments in terms of ways they are organized to **maintain order, security, welfare of the public and the protection of citizens**.

CE.C&G.2.3 Evaluate the U.S. Constitution as a **“living Constitution”** in terms of how the words in the Constitution and Bill of Rights have been interpreted and applied throughout their existence.

CE.C&G.2.5 Compare United States system of government within the framework of the **federal and state structures** as well as in how they relate with governmental systems of other nations.