



## Unit Two

### Unit Title: Structure of Government

#### Government

#### Unit Length and Description:

##### 5 weeks

This unit focuses on the structure, roles, and responsibilities of the United States government. Students learn how government is organized to evaluate whether the government's structure supports its ability to fulfill the purposes espoused in the Preamble of the Constitution.

#### Standards:

##### Standard 1: Foundations of American Government

C.1.1	Describe reasons why government is necessary, explaining competing ideas about the role of government in society
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##### Standard 2: Structure and Purpose of Government

C.2.1	Analyze ways in which the purposes of the United States government, as defined in the United States Constitution, are achieved
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C.2.2	Describe the structure and functions of the federal government as stated in the United States Constitution
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C.2.3	Explain the distribution of powers, responsibilities, and limits on the United States government
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C.2.4	Cite the qualifications, terms of office, roles, and duties for appointed and elected officials
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C.2.5	Explain the processes and strategies of how a bill becomes a law at the federal level
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C.2.7	Explain the role of regulatory and independent government agencies in American society
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C.2.8	Compare and contrast the functions of various state and local governments in terms of tax code, political structure, and election procedures
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#### Enduring Understandings- Compelling Question:

Does the government's structure help or hinder it from fulfilling the purposes espoused in the Preamble?

#### Essential Questions- Supporting Question:

- How does the U.S. Constitution fulfill the purposes laid out in the Preamble?
- How effective is the system of checks and balances?