



## Unit Three

### Unit Title: Functions of Government

#### Government

#### Unit Length and Description:

**6 weeks**

Students explore a range of domestic and foreign policy issues to consider the implications of US policy decisions on global, national, regional and individual levels.

#### 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 3: Roll of United States Foreign Policy**

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?