



## Unit Four

### 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.3.1	Evaluate the five basic goals of United States foreign policy and explain the role of government in their implementation
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C.3.2	Examine the ways that nations work to cooperate with international organizations politically and economically
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C.3.3	Assess the extent to which United States foreign policy, domestic policy, constitutional principles, economic behaviors, and culture affect relations with other nations
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C.3.4	Describe ways in which ideas, events, and policies of other nations impact the United States
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##### **Standard 4: Functions of Government**

C.4.1	Describe the elements of United States domestic policy
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C.4.2	Explain how government is financed
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C.4.3	Evaluate various forms of taxes at each level of government based on principle, incidence, and type
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C.4.4	Describe the major revenue and expenditure categories and their respective proportions of local, state, and federal budgets
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C.4.5	Predict how federal spending and taxation affect budget deficits and surpluses and the national debt
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C.4.6	Evaluate government programs by their cost and benefits to society
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##### **Standard 7: Economic Systems and Structures**

C.7.7	Explain the effects of technology and innovation on global economic interdependence and competition
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**Enduring Understandings-  
Compelling Question:**

**Essential Questions-  
Supporting Question:**

How do US policy decisions affect society and the diverse collection of individuals within it?

- Why is the classification of public and private goods a fundamental question of public policy?
- What are the extensive economic effects of fiscal policy decisions?
- How are policy recommendations formulated? What are the broader implications of policy decisions?
- Analyze the cost and benefits of trade agreements?
- How should the US government approach foreign aid?
- How should the US government approach their role in the international community?