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First Nine Weeks	Third Nine Weeks	Second Nine Weeks	Fourth Nine Weeks
<i>August 1-October 4, 2024</i>	<i>January 7-March 7, 2025</i>	<i>October 15-December 20, 2024</i>	<i>March 17-May 23, 2025</i>
<p><b><u>The Foundations of American Government</u></b>            USG.1: Compare and contrast knowledge and application of the basic concepts of democracy.</p> <p><b><u>The US Constitution</u></b>            USG.2: Evaluate the foundational American political principles and the historical events, documents, and philosophical ideas that shaped the formation of the United States.</p> <p><b><u>Concepts of Democracy</u></b>            USG. 3: Differentiate the basic organization of the U.S. government and explain the function of each branch of the U.S. government.</p> <p>USG. 4: Analyze the role of federalism in addressing the distribution of power between the national, state, and local governments.</p>		<p><b><u>Political Participation</u></b>            USG. 6: Describe the role and function of linkage institutions such as the media, interest groups, political parties, and political action committees, on the citizens and federal government.</p> <p>USG. 7: Describe and evaluate the role, rights, and responsibility of a citizen in American democracy.</p> <p><b><u>Civil Liberties &amp; Civil Rights</u></b>            USG. 5: Compare and contrast civil rights and civil liberties and explain how each has been interpreted and amended throughout American history.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Amendments</li> </ul>	