Standard	Standard Explanation	Highlight Proficient	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Minimally Proficient
8.C1.1	8.C1.1 Analyze ideas and principles contained in the founding documents of the United States, including the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, and explain how they influence society and political systems.	I can thoroughly close read and analyze a founding document and provide insightful commentary. I can demonstrate a strong and solid competence of the main ideas and principles in the text. I can demonstrate understanding of interconnected details and can make connections to other concepts, models, oneself, or the world.	principles in a founding document. I can compare a founding document to other	I can partially close-read and analyze the main ideas and principles in a founding document.I can partially annotate the text with some margin notes.	I can attempt to close-read and analyze the main ideas and principles contained in a founding document.
C3.2	8.C3.2 Examine the origins and purpose of constitutions, laws, treaties, and international agreements.	I can thoroughly close read and analyze a founding document and provide insightful commentary about its origin and purpose. I can compare a founding document to other historical contexts. I can demonstrate a strong and solid competence of the main ideas and principles in the text. I can demonstrate understanding of interconnected details and can make connections to other concepts, models, oneself, or the world.	describe the origin and purpose within a founding document. I can compare a	I can partially explain the origin and purpose of a founding document.	I can attempt to examine and analyze the origin and purpose of a founding document.

C4.2	8.C4.2 Assess specific rules and laws (both actual and proposed) as means of addressing public problems.	I can clearly evaluate past and current laws with rich supporting details and insight. I can apply and adapt the concepts to authentic, new, or real-world situations. I can identify some ongoing issues involving civil rights and proposed legislation	my reasoning with relevant details and examples. Needs few refinements.	I can demonstrate a basic understanding of past and current laws but need additional practice or some guidance to reach full proficiency. Shows a developing skill set and begins to examine, describe, perform, or explain the concept/skills. supports thinking with some details and examples.	I am not able to explain past and current laws Needs to revisit the concept/skill to acquire more understanding develop problem solving strategies, or clear up misconceptions Inconsistently or inaccurately completes own work and needs guidance
SP1.3	8.SP1.3 Evaluate the significance of past events and their effect on students' lives and society.	I can evaluate the importance of this event and am able to apply and adapt concepts and skills to authentic, new, or real-world situations.I can provide detailed and insightful supporting evidence	I can evaluate past events and draw conclusions on its relevance and importance in our daily livesI can consider the historical consequences of this event. I can provide relevant evidence.	I can attempt to evaluate and occasionally draw conclusions on the relevance and importance of this event in our daily lives.With some assistance, I can begin to recognize the effect this event will have on my life or society as a whole. I can provide partial sufficient evidence.	I need significant assistance to evaluate and draw conclusions on why this event is important and relevant.I need help understanding historical implications.I am missing all or any relevant evidence