

FP.C&G.2.4

Compare the Constitutions and the structures of the United States and North Carolina governments (e.g., the various NC Constitutions, Bill of Rights, Declaration of Rights, Preambles, the organization of, the powers of, responsibilities, etc.).

Students will understand:

1. The structure and processes of national and state governments may protect and preserve the democratic system. (Structure of government, separation of powers with checks and balances, frequent and free elections in a representative government, rule of law, equal justice under the law, private property rights, federalism, due process, individual rights as set forth in the Bill of Rights)
2. National constitutions often take precedence over state constitutions. (US Constitution, NC Constitution)

Students will know:

1. The structure of the United States and North Carolina Constitutions. (Structure of government, separation of powers with checks and balances)
2. The structure of the United States and North Carolina governments. (Structure of government, separation of powers with checks and balances)
3. The major differences and similarities between the United States and North Carolina Constitutions. (U.S. Constitution, N.C. Constitution, Preamble to the NC Constitution, federalism)
4. How disputes between the federal government and the state government have or have not been resolved. (US Constitution, NC Constitution, federalism)
5. Examples of constitutional conflicts between state and federal laws and decisions (Structure of government, separation of powers with checks and balances, US Constitution, NC Constitution, federalism)