

I Can Statements: Unit 2 Foundations of Government

Essential Standards	I Can Statements
Explain how the tensions over power and authority led America's founding fathers to develop a constitutional democracy. (CE.C&G 1.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can explain how salutary neglect led to independence in the colonies. • I can describe evidence of self-rule in the colonies. • I can interpret why certain events led the colonists to independence. • I can defend the colonists' reasons for writing the Declaration of Independence.
Explain how the Enlightenment and other contributing theories impacted the writing of the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights to help promote liberty, justice, and equality. (CE.C&G 1.02)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can explain how John Locke influenced the Declaration of Independence. • I can describe how the Enlightenment thinkers influenced the US Constitution.
Evaluate how debates on power and authority between Federalists and Anti-Federalists have helped shaped government in the United States over time. (CE.C&G 1.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can describe the weakness of the Articles of Confederation. • I can explain how Shays' Rebellion led to the fall of the Articles of Confederation. • I can compare the Federalists' and Anti-Federalists' desires for the new Constitution. • I can predict how the Federalists and Anti-Federalists would feel about current events. • I can list and describe the compromises made at the Constitutional Convention.
Explain how the development of America's national identity derived from principles in the Declaration of Independence, US Constitution, and Bill of Rights. (CE.C&G 4.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can make connections between colonial events and the Constitution today.
Analyze the principles and ideals underlying American democracy in terms of how they promote freedom. (CE.C&G 1.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can provide examples of popular sovereignty in the colonial America.