

### I Can Statements: Unit 3 Constitution

Essential Standards	I Can Statements
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.1.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can explain how the ideas of natural rights influenced the Bill of Rights</li> <li>I can explain how Montesquieu ideas led to the division of powers.</li> </ul>
Evaluate how debates on power and authority between Federalists and Anti-Federalists have helped shape government in the United States over time (CE.C&G.1.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can compare the Federalists' and Anti-Federalists' desires for the new Constitution.</li> <li>I can predict how the Federalists and Anti-Federalists would feel about current events.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>I can compare current governmental actions to the stated goals of government within the Preamble of the US Constitution.</li> </ul>
Evaluate the fundamental principles of American politics in terms of the extent to which they have been used effectively to maintain constitutional democracy in the United States (CE.C&G.1.5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can provide examples of each of the guiding principles (separation of powers, checks and balances, popular sovereignty, federalism) that illustrate how they limit the government's powers.</li> </ul>
Evaluate the U.S. Constitution as a "living Constitution" in terms of how the words in the Constitution and Bill of Rights have been interpreted and applied throughout their existence (CE.C&G.2.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can describe the process by which the US Constitution may be changed</li> <li>I can describe the process by which the NC Constitution may be changed.</li> <li>I can describe how the powers of the U.S. and N.C. Constitutions have been expanded through amendments and court cases.</li> </ul>
Compare the Constitutions and the structures of the United States and North Carolina governments (CE.C&G.2.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can compare and contrast the structure of the NC Constitution to that of the US Constitution.</li> </ul>