

## I Can Statements: Unit 4 Branches of Government

Essential Standards	I Can Statements
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 explain how separation of powers protects democracy.</li> <li>I can explain how checks and balances protects democracy.</li> <li>I can explain how federalism protects democracy.</li> </ul>
Analyze the structures of national, state, and local governments in terms of ways they are organized to maintain order, security, welfare of the public, and the protection of citizens. (CE.C&G 2.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can explain the qualifications, powers and duties of the legislative branch.</li> <li>I can explain how a bill becomes a law.</li> <li>I can explain the qualifications, powers and duties of the executive branch.</li> <li>I can explain the qualifications, powers and duties of the judicial branch.</li> <li>I can compare the structure of the NC government to the structure of the US government.</li> </ul>
Summarize the functions of North Carolina state and local government within the federal system of government. (CE.C&G 2.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can explain where North Carolina's governmental power comes from.</li> <li>I can explain the qualifications, powers and duties of state government.</li> <li>I can explain the purpose of a charter</li> <li>I can explain the powers and duties of local government.</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 outline the structure of the US Constitution.</li> <li>I can outline the structure of the NC Constitution.</li> <li>I can compare the structure of the US and NC Constitutions.</li> </ul>
Compare the United States system of government within the framework of the federal and state structures as well as in how they relate with governmental systems of other nations. (CE.C&G 2.5)	
Evaluate the authority federal, state, and local governments have over individuals' rights and privileges. (CE.C&G 2.6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can explain how the Supreme Court has expanded individual rights.</li> <li>I can explain how the Supreme Court has limited individual rights.</li> </ul>

Analyze contemporary issues and governmental responses at the local, state, and national levels in terms of how they promote the public interest and/or general welfare. (CE.C&G 2.7)	
Analyze national, state, and local government agencies in terms of how they balance interests and resolve conflicts (CE.C&G 5.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can list executive agencies and explain what they do.</li> </ul>
Explain how conflict between constitutional provisions and the requirements of foreign policy are resolved. (CE.C&G 5.4)	
Analyze the development and implementation of domestic and foreign policy by outlining opposing arguments on major issues and their efforts toward resolutions. (CE.C&G 5.5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can explain the President's role in foreign affairs.</li> <li>• I can explain the Senate's role in foreign affairs.</li> </ul>