

PRINCIPLES AND PRECEPTS OF GOVERNMENT

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

CHAPTER 1

Key topics include the historic foundations of government, beginning with the family unit and empires of the ancient world; the development of British government via William the Conqueror; Rule of Law, the Magna Carta, Due Process of Law, and British government today.

Students revisit the emergence of US Government via the Virginia and Plymouth Colonies and the Mayflower Compact; the effect of The Enlightenment on Colonial governance; causes and motivations behind America's War for Independence; roles of the Founding Fathers; values and views of the Thirteen Colonies; undergirding principles of the Declaration of Independence, and casting the Nation's foundation.

CHAPTER 2

Students are introduced to an overview of the Constitution with special attention to the Preamble, then an overview of Article One with an in-depth look at the Legislative Branch and process; Article Two-- the Executive Branch operations and Electoral College; Article Three-- the Judicial Branch and court systems; an in-depth look at the Bill of Rights on through Amendment Twenty-Seven; Checks and Balances among the Branches of Government; distinctives of the Senate.

CHAPTER 3

Students learn the meaning of Rights in a Republic; an overview of state and local governments; how citizens are represented in the Federal Government; an in-depth look at the Electoral College; the process for electing a president and vice-president; understanding *personal* and *public* Rights and Responsibilities of US citizens; *legal* rights and responsibilities; *political* rights and responsibilities; integrity and *ethical* responsibilities.

Students are introduced to Parliamentary Procedures as practiced in state and federal legislatures and elsewhere; types of Motions rank and precedence of Motions; conducting a meeting using Parliamentary Law.