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**UNIT 1: Foundations of American Democracy (Chapters 1, 2, and 3)**

**Learning Goal:** Students will analyze the foundation of government as well as the historical basis for the American political structure. An in depth perspective will be taken to explain and describe the major principles of our constitution and the role federalism plays in our every day lives.

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| I don’t understand the US Constitution or the role federalism plays in our country.  Or  I didn’t really pay attention or try to learn the info. | I understand at least 3 major principles of the US constitution and how federalism plays a role in our society. | I understand at least 5 major principles of the US constitution and how federalism plays a role in our society. | I can do all of the score 3 requirements and comprehend how federalism forces all levels of government to cooperate with one another to run the government. |

**Daily Learning Targets:**

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|  | 1.1 | Identify the key functions of government and explain why they matter. | | |  |
|  | 1.2 | Define politics in the context of democratic government. | | |  |
|  | 1.3 | Assess how citizens can have an impact on public policy and how policies can impact people. | | |  |
|  | 1.4 | Identify the key principles of democracy and outline theories regarding how it works in practice and the challenges democracy faces today. | | |  |
|  | 1.5 | Outline the central arguments of the debate in America over the proper scope of government. | | |  |
|  | 2.1 | Describe the ideas behind the American Revolution and their role in shaping the Constitution. | | |  |
|  | 2.2 | Analyze how the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation led to its failure. | | |  |
|  | 2.3 | Describe the delegates to the Constitutional Convention and the core ideas they shared. | | |  |
|  | 2.4 | Categorize the issues at the Constitutional Convention and outline the resolutions reached on each type of issue. | | |  |
|  | 2.5 | Analyze how the components of the Madisonian system addressed the dilemma of reconciling majority rule with the protection of minority interests. | | |  |
|  | 2.6 | Compare and contrast the Federalists and Anti-Federalists in terms of their background and their positions regarding government. | | |  |
|  | 2.7 | Explain how the Constitution can be formally amended and how it changes informally. | | |  |
|  | 2.8 | Assess whether the Constitution established a majoritarian democracy and how it limits the scope of government. | | |  |
|  | 3.1 | Define federalism and contrast it with alternative ways of organizing a nation. | | |  |
|  | 3.2 | Outline the constitutional basis for the division of power between national and state governments, the establishment of national supremacy, and states’ obligations to each other. | | |  |
|  | 3.3 | Characterize the shift from dual to cooperative federalism and the role of fiscal federalism in intergovernmental relations. | | |  |
|  | 3.4 | Explain the consequences of federalism for diversity in public polices among the states. | | |  |
|  | 3.5 | 3.5 Assess the impact of federalism on democratic government and the scope of government. | | |  |
| ***Parent/Guardian Initials: Student Initials:*** | | |  |  | |

**Tracking:**

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| **Daily Work** | **Quizzes (if applicable)** | **Test** |
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**Monitoring**:

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