

# Grades 9–12: Citizenship and Government

## Citizenship and Government

**1 Civic Skills: Apply civic reasoning and demonstrate civic skills for the purpose of informed and engaged lifelong civic participation. 9.1.1.1**

1. Demonstrate civic skills that enable people to be informed on current issues in order to monitor and influence state, local tribal, national or international affairs. 9.1.1.1

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**1 Civic Skills: Apply civic reasoning and demonstrate civic skills for the purpose of informed and engaged lifelong civic participation. 9.1.1.2**

2. Demonstrate the skills necessary to participate in the election process and evaluate how access to voting is impacted by law and application of law. 9.1.1.2

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**1 Civic Skills: Apply civic reasoning and demonstrate civic skills for the purpose of informed and engaged lifelong civic participation. 9.1.1.3**

3. Curate and evaluate various sources of information and forms of political persuasion, including digital, for validity, accuracy, ideology, emotional appeals, bias and prejudice. 9.1.1.3

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**1 Civic Skills: Apply civic reasoning and demonstrate civic skills for the purpose of informed and engaged lifelong civic participation. 9.1.1.4**

4. Analyze how means of civic engagement are used to influence the American political system at all levels. 9.1.1.4

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**2 Democratic Values and Principles: Explain democratic values and principles that guide governments, societies and communities. Analyze the tensions within the United States constitutional government. 9.1.2.1**

1. Analyze the foundational ideas of the United States government embedded in founding era documents: natural rights philosophy, social contract, civic virtue, popular sovereignty, constitutionalism, representative democracy, political factions, federalism and individual rights. 9.1.2.1

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**2 Democratic Values and Principles: Explain democratic values and principles that guide governments, societies and communities. Analyze the tensions within the United States constitutional government. 9.1.2.2**

2. Explain the significance of democratic values and principles to well-functioning democratic processes and elections. 9.1.2.2

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**2 Democratic Values and Principles: Explain democratic values and principles that guide governments, societies and communities. Analyze the tensions within the United States constitutional government. 9.1.2.3**

3. Analyze current tensions between the government's dual role of protecting individual rights and promoting the general welfare, the struggle between majority rule and minority rights, and the tension between liberty and equality at all levels. 9.1.2.3

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**3 Rights and Responsibilities: Explain and evaluate rights, duties and responsibilities in democratic society. 9.1.3.1**

1. Compare rights in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights and subsequent amendments, the rights in the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. 9.1.3.1

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**3 Rights and Responsibilities: Explain and evaluate rights, duties and responsibilities in democratic society. 9.1.3.2**

2. Explain the scope and limits of rights protected by the First and Second Amendments. Explain changes created by legislative action and court interpretation. 9.1.3.2

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**3 Rights and Responsibilities: Explain and evaluate rights, duties and responsibilities in democratic society. 9.1.3.3**

3. Explain the scope and limits of rights of the accused pretrial under the Fourth and Fifth Amendments. Explain changes created by legislative action and court interpretation. 9.1.3.3

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**3 Rights and Responsibilities: Explain and evaluate rights, duties and responsibilities in democratic society. 9.1.3.4**

4. Explain the scope and limits of rights of the accused during trial and punishment under the Sixth and Eighth Amendments. Explain changes created by legislative action and court interpretation. 9.1.3.4

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**3 Rights and Responsibilities: Explain and evaluate rights, duties and responsibilities in democratic society. 9.1.3.5**

5. Evaluate the current and historical interpretations of the principles of due process and equal protection of the law in the 14th Amendment. Analyze evolving civil rights in legislative action and court interpretation. 9.1.3.5

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**3 Rights and Responsibilities: Explain and evaluate rights, duties and responsibilities in democratic society. 9.1.3.6**

6. Explain the responsibilities and duties for all individuals in a republic. 9.1.3.6

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**3 Rights and Responsibilities: Explain and evaluate rights, duties and responsibilities in democratic society. 9.1.3.7**

7. Explain how citizenship processes, requirements and duties are established by law. Evaluate the struggle for citizenship since the founding period. 9.1.3.7

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**4 Governmental Institutions and Political Processes: Explain and evaluate processes, rules and laws of United States governmental institutions at local, state and federal levels and within Tribal Nations. 9.1.4.1**

1. Evaluate federalism and the provisions of the U.S. Constitution, which delegate to the federal government the powers necessary to fulfill the purposes for which it was established. Distinguish between those powers and the powers retained by the people and the states. 9.1.4.1

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**4 Governmental Institutions and Political Processes: Explain and evaluate processes, rules and laws of United States governmental institutions at local, state and federal levels and within Tribal Nations. 9.1.4.2**

2. Analyze the purposes, organization, functions and processes of the legislative branch as enumerated in Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution. 9.1.4.2

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**4 Governmental Institutions and Political Processes: Explain and evaluate processes, rules and laws of United States governmental institutions at local, state and federal levels and within Tribal Nations. 9.1.4.3**

3. Analyze the purposes, organization, functions and processes of the executive branch as enumerated in Article 2 of the U.S. Constitution. 9.1.4.3

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**4 Governmental Institutions and Political Processes: Explain and evaluate processes, rules and laws of United States governmental institutions at local, state and federal levels and within Tribal Nations. 9.1.4.4**

4. Analyze the purposes, organization, functions and processes of the judicial branch as enumerated in Article 3 of the U.S. Constitution. 9.1.4.4

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**4 Governmental Institutions and Political Processes: Explain and evaluate processes, rules and laws of United States governmental institutions at local, state and federal levels and within Tribal Nations. 9.1.4.5**

5. Analyze how the United States political system is shaped by elections and the election process and procedures involved in voting. 9.1.4.5

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**4 Governmental Institutions and Political Processes: Explain and evaluate processes, rules and laws of United States governmental institutions at local, state and federal levels and within Tribal Nations. 9.1.4.6**

6. Describe the purposes, types and sources of laws and rules. Evaluate their impact. 9.1.4.6

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**4 Governmental Institutions and Political Processes: Explain and evaluate processes, rules and laws of United States governmental institutions at local, state and federal levels and within Tribal Nations. 9.1.4.7**

7. Explain the powers and operations of the State of Minnesota government as defined in its constitution and its relationship with the federal government and Tribal governments. 9.1.4.7

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**4 Governmental Institutions and Political Processes: Explain and evaluate processes, rules and laws of United States governmental institutions at local, state and federal levels and within Tribal Nations. 9.1.4.8**

8. Explain the powers and operations of local government in Minnesota. 9.1.4.8

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**4 Governmental Institutions and Political Processes: Explain and evaluate processes, rules and laws of United States governmental institutions at local, state and federal levels and within Tribal Nations. 9.1.4.9**

9. Compare and contrast the budgets of the United States and Minnesota governments, describing the major sources of revenue and categories of spending for each. 9.1.4.9

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**4 Governmental Institutions and Political Processes: Explain and evaluate processes, rules and laws of United States governmental institutions at local, state and federal levels and within Tribal Nations. 9.1.4.10**

10. Explain how individuals, corporations, cooperatives, labor, civic groups and/or other groups influence United States foreign policy. 9.1.4.10

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**4 Governmental Institutions and Political Processes: Explain and evaluate processes, rules and laws of United States governmental institutions at local, state and federal levels and within Tribal Nations. 9.1.4.11**

11. Explain the role of international law in world affairs. Evaluate the impact of the participation of nation states in international organizations. 9.1.4.11

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**5 Public Policy: Analyze how public policy is shaped by governmental and nongovernmental institutions. Analyze how people and communities take action to solve problems and shape public policy. 9.1.5.1**

1. Analyze the impact of political parties on elections and public policy formation. 9.1.5.1

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**5 Public Policy: Analyze how public policy is shaped by governmental and nongovernmental institutions. Analyze how people and communities take action to solve problems and shape public policy. 9.1.5.2**

2. Analyze the role of interest groups, various types of media and public opinion on the political process and public policy formation. 9.1.5.2

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**5 Public Policy: Analyze how public policy is shaped by governmental and nongovernmental institutions. Analyze how people and communities take action to solve problems and shape public policy. 9.1.5.3**

3. Examine a public policy issue by defining the problem, developing alternative courses of action, evaluating the consequences of each alternative, selecting a course of action, and designing a plan to implement the action and resolve the problem. 9.1.5.3

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**6 Tribal Nations: Evaluate the unique political status, trust relationships and governing structures of sovereign Tribal Nations and the United States.** 9.1.6.1

1. Evaluate the unique political status of Tribal Nations in relation to the United States. 9.1.6.1

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**6 Tribal Nations: Evaluate the unique political status, trust relationships and governing structures of sovereign Tribal Nations and the United States.** 9.1.6.2

2. Compare and contrast trust relationships between Tribal Nations and Minnesota's state and local governments, United States government and governments of other nations. 9.1.6.2

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**6 Tribal Nations: Evaluate the unique political status, trust relationships and governing structures of sovereign Tribal Nations and the United States.** 9.1.6.3

3. Compare and contrast governing structures of Tribal Nations within Minnesota and the United States. 9.1.6.3

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**6 Tribal Nations: Evaluate the unique political status, trust relationships and governing structures of sovereign Tribal Nations and the United States.** 9.1.6.4

4. Examine contemporary challenges and successes regarding Tribal Nations and the United States government (local, state, federal). 9.1.6.4