



Marietta City Schools
2023–2024 District Unit Planner

Grade 4 Social Studies

Theme	<i>Unit 6 Challenges of a New Nation</i>	Unit duration (Days)	<i>10 - 20 Days</i>
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GA DoE Standards

SS4H2 Analyze the challenges faced by the framers of the Constitution.

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- Evaluate the major issues debated at the Constitutional Convention: the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation, the rights of states to govern themselves (federal system), the Great Compromise, and slavery (Three-Fifths Compromise).

SS4CG1 Describe the meaning of:

- “We the People” from the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution as a reflection of consent of the governed or popular sovereignty
- The federal system of government in the U.S. (federal powers, state powers, and shared powers)
- Representative democracy/republic

Information Processing Skills:

- compare similarities and differences
- identify issues and/or problems and alternative solutions
- distinguish between fact and opinion
- identify main idea, detail, sequence of events, and cause and effect in a social studies context
- identify and use primary and secondary sources
- interpret timelines, charts, and tables
- identify social studies reference resources to use for a specific purpose
- construct charts and tables
- analyze artifacts
- draw conclusions and make generalizations
- analyze graphs and diagrams
- formulate appropriate research questions
- determine adequacy and/or relevancy of information

16. check for consistency of information

Themes and Enduring Understandings:

Individuals, Groups and Institutions: The student will understand that what people, groups, and institutions say and do can help or harm others whether they mean to or not.

Location: The student will understand that where people live matters

Conflict and Change: The student will understand that conflict causes change.

Distribution of Power: The student will understand laws and people's beliefs can help decide who gets to make choices in government.

Beliefs and Ideals: The student will understand that people's ideas and feelings influence their decisions.

Essential Questions

Factual—

What influence did James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, and George Washington have on the Constitutional Convention?

What was at issue in the Three-Fifths Compromise?

What were some disagreements delegates had when forming the new government?

What are the three branches of government?

What are the roles of each branch?

What is a representative democracy / republic?

What are some advantages of this type of government?

What are some disadvantages of this type of government?

What is the Great Compromise?

Inferential—

How did the beliefs and actions of the major leaders of the Constitutional Convention influence the form our government took?

Why did southern states want to count the enslaved people of African descent?

Why did northern states think enslaved people of African descent should not be included in population counts?

Why was the size of each state a concern?

Why were southern states concerned they would not have equal representation?

Why did many northern states feel they would not have equal representation?

Why did many delegates want a Bill of Rights in the Constitution?

How does the Bill of Rights seek to resolve conflicts both then and in the future?

Why did the leaders structure our government's power distribution across three branches?

Critical Thinking-

How did the location of the states affect their beliefs on representation in the new government?
 Should the Bill of Rights be included in the Constitution?
 Could the Bill of Rights cause unintended conflicts?

Tier II Words- High Frequency Multiple Meaning	Tier III Words- Subject/ Content Related Words
convention debated consent compromise	Constitutional Convention People: James Madison, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin Articles of Confederation, federal system governed (citizen) popular sovereignty Preamble Constitution Representative Democracy Republic federal powers, state powers, and shared powers

Assessments

Summative Assessment(s):

Challenges of a New Nation Assessment

Grades 3- 5 Assessments may be administered via the AMP App in Schoology. Teachers should reach out to their Academic Coach or the district Social Studies Coordinator to upload assessments to their Schoology Course.

Standards: All GSE for the unit.

* Teachers can access the Test Blueprint and Key via the grade level Schoology Group.

Theme Based Writing Task and Rubric:

[Who Had the Biggest Impact](#) Identify and understand the influence of the framers of the Constitution by choosing the one that you believe had the greatest impact. Write an argumentative paper to support your choice.

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[Constitution and Bill of Rights- Would you have signed?](#) DBQ

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Objective or Content	Learning Experiences	Differentiation Considerations
Teacher Supports	Parent Information Letter - edit for school specific information Click here for GADOE Content Video (For Teachers only) Teacher Notes for this unit Additional unit information may be found at GADOE Inspire	
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<p>SS4CG3 Describe the structure of government and the Bill of Rights.</p> <p>b. Identify and explain the rights in the Bill of Rights, describe how the Bill of Rights places limits on the powers of government, and explain the reasons for its inclusion in the Constitution in 1791</p> <p>SS4H2 Analyze the challenges faced by the framers of the Constitution</p>	<p>The Constitution and Bill of Rights (Review) Students will understand the Bill of Rights was also a Constitutional Compromise (Extension)</p>	<p>Teacher may assign one task per student/group based on ability level: (A) Terms in context for struggling learners (B) question for the answer to others</p>
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<p>SS4CG3 Describe the structure of government and the Bill of Rights.</p> <p>a. Describe how the three branches of government interact with each other (checks and balances and separation of powers), and how they relate to local, state, and federal government.</p>	<p>A Careful Balance State and Local Government Investigate Similarities between the Three Branches of the Federal and State Governments</p>	<p>Group students based on Lexile level and provide small group instruction, pre-choose resources for students, read aloud texts in small or whole group, preview vocabulary, provide sentence frames</p>
<p>Recommended High Quality Complex Texts</p>		
<p><i>The Signers: The 56 Stories Behind the Declaration of Independence</i> by Dennis Brindell Fradin <i>We the Kids Preamble of the Constitution</i> by David Catrow <i>Shh! We're Writing the Constitution</i> by Jean Fritz <i>If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution</i> by Elizabeth Levy</p> <p>Discovery Education Videos Growth of the Nation: Securing the Republic DE Video (clips for this and next unit) TLC Elementary School DE Series DE Series- sections for this unit The Constitutional Convention Benjamin Franklin DE Video- show appropriate segments The Purpose of the Constitution DE Video George Washington and Thomas Jefferson DE Video Segments The Preamble DE Video</p>		