

# Civics Education: Learner Outcomes

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## United States National Government

1. Identify the Constitution as the foundation of our national government
2. Understand how the historical backdrop of the Constitutional Convention shaped the document.
3. Apply the goals listed in the Preamble to our world today
4. Explain the Amendment process
5. Understand why the Amendment process was designed to be difficult
6. Design an alternate Amendment process
7. Defend the current Amendment process
8. Identify the protections listed in the Bill of Rights
9. Create and identify examples of Americans exercising protections and freedoms from the Bill of Rights
10. Explain the difference between a world with and without the Bill of Rights
11. Categorize the remaining Constitutional Amendments
12. Define the different Articles of the Constitution
13. Explain the significance to the order of the Articles and what each contains
14. Define the role of each branch of government
15. Describe the concept of checks and balances
16. Propose changes to the powers of the three branches based on today's historical context
17. Envision and describe a U.S. government with fewer checks and balances

## Economics

1. Understand the concept of supply and demand
2. Explain the effect on economies when supply or demand are out of balance
3. Contrast a market economic system with a command and control system
4. Identify the key components to different business organizational types
5. Explain the theory of business cycles
6. Analyze the role that government regulation plays in the economy
7. Persuade someone that more or less government economic regulation is necessary
8. Measure our economy compared to our European and Asia peers

## Other Forms of Governments

1. Define Parliamentary Government
2. Define Authoritarian Government
3. Analyze the difference between democratic and authoritarian governments
4. Contrast a Republican form of government against a Parliamentary form of government
5. Justify the use of democratic governments

## Politics

1. Compare our two party system with multi party systems of Europe and Asia
2. Illustrate the pros and cons of each system
3. Defend either type of system as superior

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4. Speculate how our current national problems would be handled differently under a multi-party system
5. List the functions of American Political parties
6. Evaluate different third parties in the American political system
7. Speculate how our current national problems would be handled differently if a third party of the student's choice were to come to power

## Legal System

1. Define civil law
2. Define criminal law
3. Explain the difference between civil and criminal law
4. Examine different situations and determine if it is a violation of civil or criminal law
5. Justify our current system of trial by jury
6. Understand the role of citizens under a jury system