

Government(Roles and Systems of Government)

Grade 8 SS Grade 8 SS

Start Date: March 20, 2014

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<p>Unit Overview</p> <p>Students will understand that the U.S. Constitution established a federal system of government, a representative democracy and a framework with separation of powers and checks and balances.</p>	<p>Content Elaborations</p> <p>*The federal government established by the U.S Constitution divides power among a central government and territorial subdivisions- -the national and state governments. This allows both levels of government some degree of independence.</p> <p>*U.S is republic or representative democracy in which elected officials representing the people make laws and public policy.</p> <p>*The U.S Constitution provides for a separation of powers among three branches of government.</p> <p>*The U.S. Consitution also provides for a system of checks and balances. -power of the presidential to veto acts of congress -power of the senate to approve presidential appointments -independence of supreme court justices who hold their offices during good behavior</p>	<p>Unit Resources</p> <p>Instructional Strategies</p> <p>Assign students to groups with each focusing on one of the following features of the U.S. Constitution: federal system, representative democracy, separation of powers, checks and balances. Using the text of the U.S. Constitution, have each group produce a short presentation with visuals to explain their assigned feature of the U.S. Constitution.</p> <p>Have students create their own governments with each of these features</p> <p>Instructional Resources</p> <p>The Constitution of the United States of America(Website) National Constitution Center(Interactive website)</p>
<p>Unit Vocabulary</p>	<p>Enduring Understandings (Big Ideas)</p> <p>Students will describe and give examples of how the U.S. Constitution created a federal system, representative democracy, separation of powers, and checks and balances.</p>	<p>Connections</p> <p>Instruction could be connected to reading standards for literacy.</p>

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