

Merrimack School District
Essential Learning Competencies

School	MHS
Discipline	SS
Course Title	American Studies 1

Quarter 1

Essential Learning Competencies	Links to the Rubrics/Standards/ Competency	Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
✓ Influence of Revolutionary Ideals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What are the fundamental values of American democracy? ✓ How did Enlightenment ideas & republican principles of self-government manifest during and after the American revolution? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ USCIS Citizenship Practice Test ✓ Civic Virtue exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Types of Government Compare/ Contrast ✓ Revolution Prompt: (example) Was the American Revolution a political, philosophical or economical revolt?
✓ Articles of Confederation Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What were the achievements/ weaknesses of the national government under the articles of Confederation? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Strengths/ Weaknesses of AoC Venn Diagram 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ AoC Prompt (example): Was the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 the only achievement of the AoC?
✓ The Constitutional Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What basic ideas about rights and constitutional government did Americans hold? ✓ How did the delegates distribute powers between national and state governments? ✓ What questions did the framers consider in designing the three branches of the national government? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Research convention delegates highlighting prominent political leaders attended & whether they represented the American population 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Convention simulation
✓ The Ratification Debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Explain the differing ideological positions on the structure and function of the federal government. ✓ Why do you think the Philadelphia convention declined to establish nationwide qualifications for suffrage? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>The Federalist</i> Read/ Response (Documents of Freedom) ✓ Ratification Cartoon Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In-class debate/ discussion: Federalist vs anti-Federalist
✓ The Constitution in Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How does American Federalism work? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Constitution Scavenger Hunt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Activity on origins of Bill of Rights, the specific rights they protect & how Amendments

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What is the role of Congress, the President, and the Supreme Court in the American Constitutional system? ✓ What is the Bill of Rights and what kinds of rights do the U.S. Bill of Rights protect? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Constitution & Enlightenment Analysis ✓ Doc Analysis, Washington's Farewell Address 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have the Constitution throughout or history?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Constitution in Action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How have American political ideas and the American Constitutional system influenced other nations? ✓ How and what political ideas, institutions, and party systems developed and changed in the new republic? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Doc Analysis: Proclamation of Neutrality & Kentucky & Virginia Resolutions ✓ Alien & Sedition Act Exploration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Early Republic prompt (Examples) ✓ Who was a better proponent for democracy: Hamilton or Jefferson? ✓ Which most clearly marks the beginning of the formation of political parties in America? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Revision of the AoC b. Ratification Debate c. 1st National Bank

Quarter 2

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