

Merrimack School District
Essential Learning Competencies

School	Merrimack High School
Discipline	Social Studies
Course Title	Civics and Government

Quarter 1

Essential Learning Competencies	Links to the Rubrics/Standards/Competency	Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
1. US Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is a citizenship? - What is the process of becoming a citizen? - What are my rights and responsibilities as a US citizen? 	-USCIS Practice Citizenship Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Citizenship in the News – current event writing prompt - Citizenship debate/discussion
2. Foundations of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the types of governments? - What people, events and ideas influenced the development of the US government? 	- Inspiring Documents Primary Source Scavenger Hunt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compare and Contrast the different types of governments - Federalist and AntiFederalist debate
3. The US Constitution and Bill of Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is Federalism and how does it work in the US? - How is the Constitution a living document? - What are my rights? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anatomy of the Constitution activity (iCivics) - Separation of Powers Activity - Changing the Constitution Activity (iCivics) 	- Bill of Rights Project – Is it within my rights?
4. The Legislative Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How is the legislative branch structured? - What are its functions? - What are its powers and how are those powers limited? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LawCraft (iCivics) simulation - Gerrymandering Activity (iCivics) - Filibuster Activity (iCivics) 	- Create your own Bill project
5. The Executive Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How is the executive branch structured? - What are the functions of 	- Executive Command Simulation	- First 100 Days writing prompt

	<p>the executive departments and agencies?</p> <p>- What powers does the President have and how are those powers limited?</p> <p>- What is Impeachment and how does it work?</p>	<p>(iCivics)</p> <p>- Cabinet Building Activity (iCivics)</p> <p>- Presidential Succession (iCivics)</p>	
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Quarter 2

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1. The Judicial Branch			
2. State Government			
3. Local Government			
4. Politics and Public Policy			
5. International Affairs			
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Quarter 3

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Quarter 4

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