

Civics and Government Benchmarks - 6th Grade

Standard 1: Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government, law and the American political system.

SS.6.CG.1.1 Analyze how democratic concepts developed in ancient Greece served as a foundation for the United States' constitutional republic.

- Students will identify and explain the democratic principles of government in ancient Greece.
- Students will compare and contrast the political systems of ancient Greece and modern-day United States.
- Students will recognize the influence of ancient Greece on the American political process.

SS.6.CG.1.2 Analyze the influence of ancient Rome on the United States' constitutional republic.

- Students will compare and contrast the political systems in ancient Rome and modern-day United States.
- Students will recognize the influence of ancient Rome on the American political process.

SS.6.CG.1.3 Examine rule of law in the ancient world and its influence on the United States' constitutional republic.

- Students will recognize origins of the rule of law including, but not limited to, the contributions of ancient Jewish, ancient Greek and ancient Roman civilizations.
- Students will recognize that the rule of law is a foundational principle of the U.S. government.

SS.6.CG.1.4 Examine examples of civic leadership and virtue in ancient Greece and ancient Rome.

- Students will explain the influence of significant leaders (e.g., Marcus Tullius Cicero, Marcus Aurelius, Pericles, Solon, Cleisthenes) on civic participation and governance in the ancient world.