

## America 250 Spirit of US: Standards Alignment + Extended Lessons

### Grades 6-12

Month	Standards Alignment	Extended Lessons
September Founding Principles of Democracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bill of Rights</li> <li>- Justice</li> <li>- Consent of the Governed</li> <li>- Equality</li> </ul>	<b>6-12:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-12.US1.10 Identify the impact of the Enlightenment on the American Revolution particularly the Declaration of Independence.</li> <li>6-12.US1.14 Explain the key concerns and compromises that emerged at the Constitutional Convention including arguments over the Bill of Rights and its eventual adoption.</li> <li>9-12.GOV.1 Examine the influences of leading European thinkers such as Locke and Montesquieu, as well as the influence of historical institutions such as Greek democracy, Roman republicanism, and the English legal tradition on the American Founding.</li> <li>9-12.GOV.6 Describe the purposes and functions of government as outlined in the Preamble of the Constitution.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Founding Principles: American Governance in Action   Founding Principles: American Governance in Action   PBS LearningMedia</a>  <a href="#">American principles, civic virtues, civic education, democratic values, ethical citizenship, foundational ideals</a>  <a href="#">Enlightenment, social contract theory, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, natural rights, consent of the</a>

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		<p><a href="#">governed, Thomas Hobbes, individual liberties</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Three Branches of Government   Interactive Lesson   PBS LearningMedia</a></p> <p><a href="#">Separation of Powers   Civics 101   PBS LearningMedia</a></p> <p><a href="#">Influences on the U.S. Constitution   Interactive Lesson   PBS LearningMedia</a></p>
October Patriotism	<p><b>6-12:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9-12.GOV.13 Describe, at the national, state, and local level, what should be reasonably expected from any citizen or resident of the U.S. and explain why it is important for the well-being of the nation, including being informed on civic issues, serving in the military or alternative service, obeying the law, paying taxes, volunteering, and performing public service, respecting the rights of others, serving as a juror, and voting.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Tracing the Evolution of the Pledge of Allegiance   PBS LearningMedia</a></p>

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November National Symbols and Documents	<b>6-12:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-12.US1.13 Analyze the successes and failures of the Articles of Confederation.</li> <li>6-12.US1.14 Explain the key concerns and compromises that emerged at the Constitutional Convention including arguments over the Bill of Rights and its eventual adoption.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Symbols of the United States   Classroom Materials at the Library of Congress   Library of Congress</a> <a href="#">Creation of the Bill of Rights, James Madison, First Ten Amendments, U.S. Constitution, individual liberties, anti-Federalist concerns, ratification debates</a>  <a href="#">Declaration of Independence, 1776, Thomas Jefferson, unalienable rights, life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, American Revolution</a>
January Equality	<b>6-12:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-12.US1.32 Investigate the Second Great Awakening and various reform movements such as prison, education, and</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Equality and Equity   Together We Can   PBS LearningMedia</a>

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	<p>women's rights, as they formed the greater story of the United States in the 19th century.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9-12.US2.29 Analyze the motives, strategies, methods, organizations, and impacts of various Civil Rights Movements.</li> <li>9-12.GOV.22 Distinguish between civil rights and civil liberties and how they are put into practice in our daily lives.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">What Is Equality?   Civics Explainers   PBS LearningMedia</a></p> <p><a href="#">Searching for Equality: Debating the Founding Principles   Interactive Lesson   PBS LearningMedia</a></p> <p><a href="#">Educational Equality in the Civil Rights Movement   PBS LearningMedia</a></p>
February Liberty	<p><b>6-12:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-12.US1.10 Identify the impact of the Enlightenment on the American Revolution particularly the Declaration of Independence.</li> <li>9-12.GOV.9 Analyze how the Bill of Rights limits the powers of the government and ensures individual rights.</li> <li>9-12.GOV.12 Evaluate the arguments within the Declaration of Independence and its definition of an ideal government.</li> <li>9-12.GOV.22 Distinguish between civil rights and civil liberties and how they are put into practice in our daily lives.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">What Is Liberty?   Civics Explainers   PBS LearningMedia</a></p> <p><a href="#">U.S. Constitution, teaching constitutional principles, civic education resources, significance of the</a></p>

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		<a href="#">Constitution, lessons on American democracy, historical impact of the Constitution, rights and freedoms</a>
March Opportunity	<b>6-12:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-12.US1.32 Investigate the Second Great Awakening and various reform movements such as prison, education, and women's rights, as they formed the greater story of the United States in the 19th century.</li> <li>9-12.US2.29 Analyze the motives, strategies, methods, organizations, and impacts of various Civil Rights Movements.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">National Constitution Center Civil Rights</a>  <a href="#">Westward Movement</a>
April 2026 Civic Duty	<b>6-12:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-12.US1.46 Evaluate how improved use of resources, new technology and inventions, and transportation networks influenced the growth of industrialization and urbanization.</li> <li>9-12.US2.28 Analyze the American Labor Movement during the post-war period.</li> <li>9-12.GOV.18 Describe the means that citizens use to responsibly participate in the political process, including campaigning, petitioning, demonstrating, running for office, lobbying, and voting.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Citizen Nation: Citizenship Responsibilities   PBS LearningMedia</a>