American Government/Civics Teaching and Learning Framework*				
Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5
Civic Participation	Foundations of Government	The Constitution	The Judicial Branch	The Legislative and Executive Branch
Block 2.25/ Traditional 5 Weeks	Block 1.25/ Traditional 2.5 Weeks	Block 1.75/ Traditional 3 Weeks	Block 2.5/ Traditional 5 Weeks	Block 1.25/ Traditional 2.5 Weeks
SSCG16 a, b, c SSCG8 b SSCG10 d SSCG15 a, b, c, d, e	SSCG1 a, b, c, d SSCG2 a, b, c SSCG3 a, b, c, d SSCG18 a, b, c, d, e	SSCG4 a, b SSCG5 a, b, c, d, e SSCG17 a, b, c, d, e	SSCG13 a, b, c, d, e SSCG14 a, b, c, d, e SSCG6 SSCG7 a, b, c, d	SSCG8 a, c, d, e, f, g SSCG9 SSCG10 a, b, c, d, e SSCG11 a, b SSCG12
SSCG16b: Describe how citizens voluntarily and responsibly participate in the political process by voting, performing public service, being informed about current issues, and respecting differing opinions.  SSCG8b: Describe the election process for representatives and senators and how the 17th Amendment impacted the election of senators.  SSCG10d: Analyze the role of the Electoral College in electing the President and the clarification provided in the 12th Amendment.  SSCG15b: Demonstrate knowledge of local, state, and national elections.	SSCG1: Compare and contrast various systems of government.  SSCG2: Demonstrate knowledge of the political philosophies that shaped the development of United States constitutional government.  SSCG3: Demonstrate knowledge of the framing and structure of the United States Constitution.  SSCG18: Examine how American ideals of freedom and democracy protect against the threats of totalitarian ideology.	SSCG4: Demonstrate knowledge of the organization and powers of the national government.  SSCG5: Demonstrate knowledge of the federal system of government described in the United States Constitution.  SSCG17: Demonstrate knowledge of the organization and powers of state and local government described in the Georgia Constitution.	SSCG13a: Describe the selection and approval process for federal judges.  SSCG13b: Explain the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, federal courts, and the state courts  SSCG14c: Analyze the procedures in the criminal process.  SSCG7: Demonstrate knowledge of civil liberties and civil rights.  SSCG6: Analyze the meaning and importance of each of the rights guaranteed under the Bill of Rights and how each is secured.	SSCG8: Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative branch of government.  SSCG9: Explain the impeachment and removal process and its use for federal officials as defined in the U.S. Constitution.  SSCG10: Demonstrate knowledge of the executive branch of government.  SSCG11: Explain the functions of the departments and agencies of the federal bureaucracy.  SSCG12: Describe the tools used to carry out United States foreign policy.

<sup>\*</sup>This framework is intended as a guide and is flexible to meet the needs of local schools and students.