

## Stage 1 - Identify Desired Results

### Established Goals:

The Constitution and real-world situations  
Students will read through the Constitution and complete a graphic organizer  
Students will examine how government policies have impacted education and the environment  
Students will compare and contrast how the government has dealt with civil rights in the mid-1800s, mid-1900s, and today  
Students will examine how the 16th Amendment impacted the amount of money the Federal Government has at its disposal, and how money has impacted Federal actions

### What essential questions will be considered?    What understandings are desired?

How does the Constitution effectively separate powers?

How does the Constitution establish federalism?

Why does Congress have more delegated powers than either of the other two branches?

How does the Constitution effect education and environment?

What are the arguments for and against a national Bill of Rights? How have civil rights been impacted by Amendments to the Constitution?

*Students will understand that...*

The Constitution separated powers and established checks and balances in our government.

The Constitution is a living document today because of the powers given to the 3 branches and the amending process.

The Constitution is used today to address issues our country is facing.

Policies have changed as society has changed.

The role of the Federal Government has changed as control of money has

### What key knowledge and skills will students acquire as a result of this unit?

*Students will know...*

The different requirements, powers, and roles between the 3 branches and State governments

How the people changed the Constitution to better reflect the views of the majority

How society has been changed by Amendments to the Constitution

*Students will be able to...*

Identify which branch or level of government has the responsibility to handle a particular situation

How the Constitution can be applied to current events

Identify how popular sovereignty and limited government are manifest in the Constitution and government actions today