

# We the People Curriculum Crosswalk for: Maryland Social Studies G8 Framework

Usage: This correlation guide offers a crosswalk between the Maryland Social Studies Framework for Grade 8 and the Level 2 <u>We the People curriculum</u>. Listing of We the People units and lessons paired with state standards does not imply full coverage of a standard. We the People lessons may go deeper and/or broader in content than the standard; likewise, the standard may call for deeper learning than the lesson provides.

### **Colonization (1607-1754)**

Unit Enduring Understanding: When diverse cultures interact, it can lead to conflict, change, and cooperation.

Unit Question: How did the interaction of European, African, and Native cultures lead to conflict, change, and/or cooperation?

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Interactions in the New World	How did European exploration and colonization result in cultural and economic interactions among previously unconnected peoples?	Students will evaluate the interaction of European, African, and Native cultures in colonial America by:  Describing the varied cultures and geographic distribution of Native populations in North America prior to European arrival.  Assessing the range of reactions of Native populations to the colonization of North America.  Analyzing the factors causing European migration to North America.	This unit serves as a bridge unit with grade 5 United States History and will not be assessed on the middle school exam.
		<ul> <li>Identifying the causes and impacts of slavery in colonial North America.</li> </ul>	

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Colonial North America	What fostered the development of distinct regions in colonial North America?	Students will analyze how geography and economics influenced the location and development of Colonial North American regions by:  Comparing the economic, political, social, religious and ethnic composition of colonial regions of New England, the mid-Atlantic, the Chesapeake, and the South.  Evaluating the impact of mercantilism on the political and economic relationship between the North American colonies and Great Britain.  We the People Level 2 curriculum connections	This unit serves as a bridge unit with grade 5 United States History and will not be assessed on the middle school exam.



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	<ul> <li>Unit 1, Lesson 1: What were the British colonies</li> </ul>	
	in America like during the 1770s?	



## The American Revolution (1754-1783)

**Unit Enduring Understanding:** Numerous factors compel people to change or abolish a government.

Unit Question: To what extent were American Colonists justified in rebelling against British authority?

CONTENT TOPIC	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	INDICATOR AND OBJECTIVES	ASSESSMENT LIMITS
French and Indian War		Students will analyze the causes and consequences of the conflict among and between American Indians and European colonies by:  • Explaining the sources of conflict among and between American Indians, European powers, and Americans' migrating west of the Appalachian Mountains.  • Assessing how the French and Indian War impacted American Indian alliances, British colonial policies, and American colonists.  We the People Level 2 curriculum connections  • Unit 1, Lesson 1: What were the British colonies in America like during the 1770s?  • Unit 1, Lesson 2: Why do we need government?	<ul> <li>→ Sources of conflict: Land, trade, migration.</li> <li>→ Impacts of the French and Indian War: Proclamation of 1763, taxation, Pontiac's Rebellion.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed but information will be provided.</li> </ul>





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British Acts and Colonial Acts of Resistance	Why and how did Americans resist the British?	Students will evaluate the significance of the end of salutary neglect as a turning point in American History by:  • Analyzing the effect of British policies on the American colonies.  • Evaluating the effectiveness of the methods of colonial resistance to British policies.  • Identifying the principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence.  We the People  Level 2 curriculum connections  • Unit 1, Lesson 2: Why do we need government?  • Unit 1, Lesson 5: How can we organize government to prevent abuse of power?  • Unit 2, Lesson 6: How did constitutional government develop in Great Britain?  • Unit 2, Lesson 7: What experiences led to the American Revolution?  • Unit 2, Lesson 8: What basic ideas about government are in the Declaration of Independence?	<ul> <li>→ British Colonial policies: Sugar Act,         Townsend Acts, Intolerable Acts.</li> <li>→ Methods of resistance: Boycotts         (Homespun Movement),         Organizations (Sons and         Daughters of Liberty), protest         (Boston Tea Party).</li> <li>→ Principles in the Declaration:         Natural Rights, consent of the         governed, right of people to alter         or abolish government.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed but         information will be provided.</li> </ul>





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The American Revolution	What were the military and social factors that impacted the outcome of the American Revolution?	<ul> <li>Students will evaluate the relative importance of key factors that led to an American victory in the Revolutionary War by: <ul> <li>Analyzing the domestic, military, geographic, and diplomatic factors that led to the American defeat of the British.</li> <li>Assessing how free and enslaved African Americans, women and American Indians, contributed to and were impacted by the American Revolution.</li> </ul> </li> <li>We the People <ul> <li>Level 2 curriculum connections</li> </ul> </li> <li>Unit 2, Lesson 7: What experiences led to the American Revolution?</li> <li>Unit 2, Lesson 8: What basic ideas about government are in the Declaration of Independence?</li> <li>Unit 2, Lesson 9: What happened during the American Revolution? How did the government function?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>→ Factors that influenced American victory: Domestic (Tories and Loyalists), Military (George Washington's leadership), Diplomatic (French intervention), geographic (knowledge of land).</li> <li>→ Contributions to/Impacted by the American Revolution: Breakdown of native confederacy, manumission, treatment of Loyalists.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed but information will be provided.</li> </ul>



# **Founding of the New Government (1776-1791)**

Unit Enduring Understanding: Nations are constructed and governed through compromise and conflict.

Unit Question: How does the Constitution reflect compromise and conflict?

CONTENT TOPIC	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	INDICATOR AND OBJECTIVES	ASSESSMENT LIMITS
The Articles of Confederation		Students will evaluate the historical significance of the Articles of Confederation by:  • Explaining the structure and the powers of the Articles of Confederation.  • Analyzing the success and failures of the Articles of Confederation.  We the People Level 2 curriculum connections  • Unit 2, Lesson 9: What happened during the American Revolution? How did the government function?  • Unit 2, Lesson 10: How did the states govern themselves after the Revolution?  • Unit 2, Lesson 11: How did the Articles of Confederation organize the first national government?	<ul> <li>→ Structure/Powers of Articles of         Confederation: No national         court system, no national         army, weak national         executive, lack of national         currency, inability to raise         taxes.</li> <li>→ Success and failures:         Northwest Ordinance, rise of         sectionalism, Shays Rebellion.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed         but information will be         provided.</li> </ul>





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Constitutional	What challenges to upholding the ideals of the Declaration of Independence existed after the Constitutional Convention?	Students will evaluate the reasons for the development of the United States Constitution by:  Describing the purpose of the Constitutional Convention. Analyzing how the Great Compromise addressed regional interests and differences. Describing the sectional debate over slavery and how the Constitution addressed slavery and freedom.  We the People Level 2 curriculum connections Unit 3, Lesson 12: Who attended the Philadelphia Convention? How was it organized? Unit 3, Lesson 13: How did the Framers resolve the conflict about representation in Congress? Unit 3, Lesson 14: How did the Framers resolve the conflict between the Northern and Southern states?	<ul> <li>→ Purpose of the Convention:         <ul> <li>Amending the Articles,</li> <li>stronger central government.</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ Great Compromise: Bicameral structure of Congress, impact on representation.</li> <li>→ Sectional Debate: Three-Fifths Compromise, fugitive slave clause, slave importation.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed but information will be provided.</li> </ul>

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United States Constitution	How and why is power distributed in the United States Constitution?	Students will evaluate the impact of the Constitution on the structure of the United States government by:  • Identifying the goals of the Constitution as stated in the Preamble.  • Explaining how the Constitution embeds key principles of checks and balances, separation of powers, federalism, popular sovereignty, individual rights, and limited government.  • Identifying the powers enumerated and denied to each branch of government as outlined in the Constitution.  We the People  Level 2 curriculum connections  • Unit 3, Lesson 15: How did the Framers resolve the conflict about the powers of the legislative branch?  • Unit 3, Lesson 16: How much power should be given to the executive and judicial branches?  • Unit 4, Lesson 17: How did the Constitution create a federal system of government?  • Unit 4, Lesson 19: How did Congress organize the new government?  • Unit 4, Lesson 20: How did political parties develop?  • Unit 4, Lesson 21: How does the U.S. Supreme Court determine the meaning of the words in the Constitution?  • Unit 4, Lesson 22: How does the U.S. Supreme Court determine the meaning of the words in the Constitution?	<ul> <li>→ Goals of Constitution in         Preamble: More perfect         Union, establish justice,         ensure domestic tranquility,         promote the common         defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty.     </li> <li>→ The principles of government:</li> <li>checks and balances,</li> <li>separation of powers,</li> <li>federalism, popular</li> <li>sovereignty, individual rights,</li> <li>and limited government.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed but information will be provided.</li> </ul>



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Ratification and the Bill of Rights	How does the Bill of Rights reflect compromise and conflict between the government and its people?	<ul> <li>Students will analyze how the Bill of Rights resolved the issues over the ratification of the Constitution by:         <ul> <li>Analyzing the Federalist and Anti-Federalist arguments for and against the ratification of the Constitution.</li> <li>Evaluating the impact of the Bill of Rights on the ratification of the Constitution.</li> </ul> </li> <li>We the People         <ul> <li>Level 2 curriculum connections</li> <li>Unit 4, Lesson 18: How did the people approve the new Constitution?</li> <li>Unit 5, Lesson 23: How does the Constitution protect freedom of expression?</li> <li>Unit 5, Lesson 24: How does the Constitution protect freedom of religion?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>→ Federalists/Anti-Federalist:         <ul> <li>Federalists strong central government, anti-Federalists strong state government and Bill of Rights.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed but information will be provided.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## A New Nation (1787-1825)

Unit Enduring Understanding: New nations experience success and failure in foreign and domestic affairs which shape their growth and development.

**Unit Question:** How did the successes and failures in foreign and domestic affairs shape the development of the United States?

CONTENT TOPIC	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	INDICATOR AND OBJECTIVES	ASSESSMENT LIMITS
The Early Republic		Students will evaluate the short and long term impact of government decisions made during Federalist administrations by:  • Identifying the impact President George Washington had on setting precedents for the office of the President. • Evaluating the evolution and impact of the Federalist and Democratic-Republican parties on domestic and foreign policy. • Explaining the impact of Marbury v Madison (1803) on the power of the Supreme Court.  We the People  Level 2 curriculum connections • Unit 4, Lesson 20: How did political parties develop? • Unit 4, Lesson 21: How does the U.S. Supreme Court determine the meaning of the words in the Constitution? • Unit 4, Lesson 22: How does the U.S. Supreme Court determine the meaning of the words in the Constitution?	<ul> <li>→ Precedents Set: Two terms,         peaceful transition of power,         development of a cabinet,         strict and loose interpretation         of the Constitution.</li> <li>→ Outcomes of the debates         over the Whiskey Tax,         national bank, and Alien and         Sedition Act of 1798.</li> <li>→ Impact of Marbury v.         Madison: Judicial review.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed         but information will be         provided.</li> </ul>





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		Students will evaluate the historical significance of the Louisiana Purchase on the United States by:  Analyzing the diplomatic and constitutional challenges involved in the Louisiana Purchase.  Assessing the political and economic impact of the Louisiana Purchase and its impact on the United States relations with native populations.	<ul> <li>→ Louisiana Purchase: French         <ul> <li>and Spanish interests, and</li> <li>arguments for and against</li> <li>the purchase.</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ Impacts of the Louisiana         <ul> <li>Purchase: Nation's</li> <li>geographic size, economic</li> <li>growth, relationship with</li> <li>American Indian tribes and foreign countries.</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed but information will be provided.</li> </ul>



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The Second War of Independence	How did the war of 1812 shape national identity?	Students will analyze the emerging foreign policy of the United States by:  Identifying the domestic and foreign causes of the War of 1812. Explaining the political, geographic, and military factors that led to the American defeat of the British. Analyzing how the War of 1812 impacted Native tribes, American political parties, and American nationalism.	<ul> <li>→ Causes of the War: The         Embargo Act of 1807,         impressment, War Hawks,         Tecumseh.</li> <li>→ Factors leading to defeat of         the British: Political (Burning         of the Capitol), geographic         (control of the Great Lakes),         military (leadership of         Andrew Jackson).</li> <li>→ Impacts of the war: Demise of         the Federalist Party,         nationalism, growth of         American industry, Monroe         Doctrine, reduction of tribal         territory.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed         but information will be         provided.</li> </ul>



## **Geographic Expansion and Political Division (1820-1860)**

Unit Enduring Understanding: National unity can be challenged by political, social, and economic change.

Unit Question: How did geographic and economic growth, political shifts, and changing social structures lead to divisions within the United States?

CONTENT TOPIC	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	INDICATOR AND OBJECTIVES	ASSESSMENT LIMITS
Sectional Growth	How did regional tensions challenge national unity?	<ul> <li>Students will analyze the influence of industrialization, technological, and demographic changes on society by:         <ul> <li>Assessing the impact of technological developments in communication and transportation.</li> <li>Evaluating the growth of the factory system and its impacts on labor, women, and migration.</li> <li>Assessing the impact of the Supreme Court of John Marshall on national power and economic growth.</li> <li>Identifying the push and pull factors driving antebellum immigration.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>→ Technological developments:         Telegraph, canals, railroads.</li> <li>→ Impacts of technological         change: economic growth,         national unity, migration.</li> <li>→ Factory System:         Interchangeable parts, Lowell         Mills.</li> <li>→ Supreme Court: McCulloch v.         Maryland (1819)</li> <li>→ Immigration: Origins of         immigrants, nativism.</li> </ul>

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		Students will examine the institution, conditions, and expansion of slavery while analyzing methods of social and political resistance by:  • Evaluating the impact of technology on the geographic expansion of the institution of slavery.  • Analyzing the conditions that defined life for the enslaved.  • Contrasting the various ways in which enslaved African Americans and free blacks resisted enslavement, oppression, and institutionalized racism.  • Evaluating the effectiveness of the Missouri Compromise in resolving the influence of slavery on politics and sectionalism.	<ul> <li>→ Expansion of slavery: Cotton         Gin, cotton belt.</li> <li>→ Conditions of slavery:         marriage, punishments,         family separation.</li> <li>→ Resistance to slavery:         Rebellion, destruction of         property, running away,         sabotage.</li> <li>→ Effectiveness of the Missouri         Compromise: Impact on         slave-free state balance.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed         but information will be         provided.</li> </ul>





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Jacksonian Era	How can shifts in executive power impact the social, economic, and political life of a nation?	Students will evaluate the political, economic, and social impact of Jacksonian Democracy by:  Explaining the impact of President Andrew Jackson's presidency on sectional politics, democracy, electoral processes, and the economy.  Contrasting the Native and American arguments surrounding the issue of American Indian rights and land ownership.	→ Andrew Jackson: Nullification crisis, national bank, expansion of the franchise.  → American Indian Removal: Characteristics of Native life, Indian Removal Act, Worcester v. Georgia (1832), Trail of Tears.  → Other topics may be assessed but information will be provided.

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Social Reform Movements	How can individuals and groups affect social change?	Students will analyze the impact of antebellum reform movements on American politics and society by:  • Evaluating the impact of social reform movements on temperance, prison, and educational reform.  • Tracing the evolution, arguments, and impacts of the antebellum women's movement.  • Identifying the methods, arguments, and impacts of the abolitionist movement.	<ul> <li>→ Social reform: Temperance, prison reform.</li> <li>→ Women's Movement: Laws affecting women, Declaration of Rights and Sentiments, Elizabeth Cady Stanton.</li> <li>→ Abolitionist movement:         <ul> <li>Underground Railroad, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, moral suasion/literature and propaganda.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed but information will be provided.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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Westward Expansion	Do the benefits of territorial expansion outweigh the costs?	<ul> <li>Students will evaluate the political, social, and economic impact of westward expansion on individuals and groups by:         <ul> <li>Assessing multiple perspectives on Manifest Destiny and its impacts on territorial possession.</li> <li>Analyzing the consequences of the rapid settlement of California, Oregon, and Texas.</li> <li>Explaining the causes, course, and consequences of the Mexican-American War.</li> <li>Assessing the impacts of the Compromise of 1850.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>→ Manifest Destiny: Key         components of the concept,         views of American Indians,         Mexicans, and Anglos.</li> <li>→ Rapid Settlement: Territorial         growth of the United States,         impact on slave-free state         balance.</li> <li>→ Mexican-American War:         Territorial growth of the         United States.</li> <li>→ Compromise of 1850: Fugitive         Slave Law, impact on slave         and free-state balance.</li> </ul>

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Path to Disunion	What factors lead a country to civil war?	<ul> <li>Evaluating the impact of territorial expansion, the Supreme Court, and individual action on sectional polarization.</li> <li>Assessing the impact of Abraham Lincoln, the Republican Party and the election of 1860 on the secession of the southern states.</li> <li>Explaining the causes of the Civil War and evaluate the importance of slavery as a central cause of the conflict.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>→ Sectional polarization:         <ul> <li>Kansas-Nebraska Act, popular sovereignty, Dred Scott v.</li> <li>Sandford (1857), John Brown.</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ Election of 1860: Abraham         <ul> <li>Lincoln, Secession.</li> </ul> </li> <li>→ Causes of the Civil War:             <ul> <li>Slavery, economic differences, westward expansion, political parties, states' rights.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed but information will be provided.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## Civil War and Reunion (1860-1896)

**Unit Enduring Understanding:** Societies efforts to resolve deep political, economic, and social divisions and efforts to rebuild society after conflict are met with both acceptance and resistance.

Unit Question: How effective was the United States in resolving the political, economic, and social issues that led to, and stemmed from, the Civil War?

CONTENT TOPIC	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	INDICATOR AND OBJECTIVES	ASSESSMENT LIMITS
The Civil War	How does war impact and change society?	<ul> <li>Students will analyze factors affecting the outcome of the Civil War by:         <ul> <li>Contrasting the goals, resources, military technology, and strategies of the Union and Confederacy.</li> <li>Evaluating how Union and Confederate political, military, and diplomatic leadership affected the outcome of the conflict.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Students will evaluate the effectiveness of the United States Government in protecting the rights of individuals and groups during the Civil War by:         <ul> <li>Evaluating the military and historic significance of the Emancipation Proclamation.</li> <li>Evaluating the efficacy and constitutionality of President Abraham Lincoln's suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus.</li> <li>Describing economic opportunities and obstacles faced by soldiers, civilians, free and enslaved populations during the Civil War.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>→ Goals, resources, strategies, and         technology: Contrast resources         available to the Union and         Confederacy at outset of the war,         naval blockade, King Cotton         Diplomacy, conscription.</li> <li>→ Significance of the Emancipation         Proclamation: African American         troops, emancipation.</li> <li>→ Evaluating Civil Liberties: Ex Parte         Merryman (1861).</li> <li>→ Economic opportunities/obstacles: Draft         Riots, Bread riots, inflation, increase in         industry.</li> </ul>



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Reconstruction and Reunion	How does a nation reconcile past injustices?	<ul> <li>Students will analyze the political, economic, and social goals of Reconstruction by:         <ul> <li>Contrasting the goals and policies of the Congressional and Presidential Reconstruction plans.</li> <li>Identifying the legal and illegal actions used to deny political, social, and economic freedoms to African Americans.</li> <li>Examining the ways in which African American communities fought to protect and expand their rights.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Students will explain how the United States government protected or failed to protect the rights of individuals and groups by:         <ul> <li>Assessing the factors that influenced the end of Reconstruction.</li> <li>Evaluating the impact of the Supreme Court, debt peonage, Jim Crow Laws and disenfranchisement on the enforceability of the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>→ Goals and Policies: 13th, 14th, and         15th Amendments, Freedmen's         Bureau, Military Reconstruction             Act.     </li> <li>→ Actions taken to deny freedoms:             Black Codes, First Ku Klux Klan,             share cropping.</li> <li>→ Protecting and expanding rights:             Role of the church, education, and             voting.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed but             information will be provided.</li> </ul>		
				<ul> <li>We the People</li> <li>Level 2 curriculum connections</li> <li>Unit 5, Lesson 25: How has the right to vote expanded since the Constitution was adopted?</li> <li>Unit 5, Lesson 26: How does the Constitution safeguard the right to equal protection of the law?</li> <li>Unit 5, Lesson 27: How does the Constitution protect the right to due process of law?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>→ Election of 1876/ Bargain of 1877</li> <li>→ Plessy v. Ferguson (1896), Jim Crow</li> <li>Laws, convict labor lease system, grandfather clause, literacy test, poll tax.</li> <li>→ Other topics may be assessed but</li> </ul>



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# **Growth of Industrial America (1877-1890)**

**Unit Enduring Understanding:** Economic growth destroys old means of production and replaces them with new ones.

Unit Question: How did economic change alter political and social relationships in the United States?

CONTENT TOPIC	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	INDICATOR AND OBJECTIVES	ASSESSMENT LIMITS
Industrialization	Did the benefits of post-Civil War industrialization outweigh the costs?	<ul> <li>Students will analyze the causes and consequences of Industrialization in the late 19th century United States by:         <ul> <li>Evaluating how improved use of resources, new technology and inventions, and transportation networks influenced the growth of industrialization and urbanization.</li> <li>Describing the impact of business leaders, laissez-faire capitalism, and the use of trusts/monopolies on the American economy.</li> <li>Evaluating the impact of industrialization and laissez-faire policies on labor.</li> <li>Identifying responses to post-Civil War immigration.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	This unit serves as a bridge unit with the high school United States History course and will not be assessed on the middle school exam.





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Westward Movement	Did American Westward Expansion challenge and promote national unity?	Students will analyze the causes and consequences of westward expansion by:  Describing the impact of geography and technology on the settlement of the west. Evaluating the American Indian responses to western migration. Evaluating the impact of government actions on patterns of immigration. Describing the impact of geographic expansion on rights for African Americans, Chinese immigrants, and the political and legal rights to women.  We the People Level 2 curriculum connections Unit 5, Lesson 25: How has the right to vote expanded since the Constitution was adopted? Unit 5, Lesson 26: How does the Constitution safeguard the right to equal protection of the law? Unit 5, Lesson 27: How does the Constitution protect the right to due process of law?	This unit serves as a bridge unit with the high school United States History course and will not be assessed on the middle school exam.