***Government Capacity Matrix MT 1***

***Fundamental Principles of American Democracy***

***4-5 Weeks***

LT 1: How the U.S. Constitution reflects a balance between the classical republican concern with promotion of the public good and the classical liberal concern with protecting individual rights; and how the basic premises of liberal constitutionalism and democracy are joined in the Declaration of Independence as "self-evident truths"

LT 2: the major responsibilities, reserved powers and concurrent powers for state and local governments

LT 3: the meaning and importance of each of the rights guaranteed under the Bill of Rights and how each is secured

**Essential questions to be answered:**

1. **How did the Founding Fathers structure the US Constitution?**
2. **Examine how the document balances the role of the Federal Government with the protection of individual rights.**
3. **Examine the guiding principles of the US constitution and how they secure limited government.**
4. **Analyze the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution finding sections in the Constitution that are directly related to the ideas of the Declaration.**
5. **Compare and contrast the responsibilities of the federal, state, and local governments.**
6. **What is the difference between enumerated, reserved, and concurrent powers?**
7. **Analyze the Bill of Rights, why is each right important enough to be spoken of in the document?**
8. **How is each right in the Bill of Rights secured by the people?**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ASSIGNMENT: | DUE | OT/Late | SIGNATURE | Score |
| **Assignment 1**: Constitution Matrix |  |  |  |  |
| **Assignment 2:** How the Constitution Works |  |  |  |  |
| **Assignment 3**: Constitutional Principles and Compromises |  |  |  |  |
| **Assignment 4**: The Declaration of Independence |  |  |  |  |
| **LT 1 Quiz/Level 3** |  |  |  |  |
| **Assignment 5:** Federalism Matrix |  |  |  |  |
| **Assignment 6:** Court case activity |  |  |  |  |
| **Quiz #2/Level 3** |  |  |  |  |
| **Assignment 7:** Bill of Rights Outline |  |  |  |  |
| **Assignment 8:** Bill of Rights and the courts |  |  |  |  |
| **Quiz #3/Level 3:** |  |  |  |  |
| **EOT** |  |  |  |  |
| **Project Choice** |  |  |  |  |