**Unit 4 – The United States Government**

**By the End of this Unit, I will be able to:**

* Outline the structure, and briefly describe the function of each major part of the Constitution.
* Describe the specific powers of each of the three branches of government.
* Describe the fundamental principles of the constitution (popular sovereignty, limited government,

separation of powers, checks and balances, federalism, republicanism, individual rights).

* MC900149511[1]Outline and briefly describe the Bill of Rights.
* Describe how the new government was organized.

**By the End of this Unit, I will understand:**

* That fear of tyranny led to the creation of a weak central government.
* That the distance between the states hindered the growth and support of the government.
* That fear of losing rights led to the creation of the 3 branches of government and Bill of Rights.
* That differences in regional economies began to strain relationships of the 13 Colonies.

**UNIT CALENDAR\***

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| 26  Teacher Work Day | 27  Finish *National Treasure*  Intro Government Unit | 28  Key Terms (Part 1)  PPT – Articles of Confederation | 29  Articles of Confederation Report Card | 30  Quiz – Key Terms and Articles of Confederation  History of Gov’t. PPT Notes - Nearpod |
| 2  History of Gov’t. PPT Notes (con’t) | 3  Structure of the Constitution/Three Branches Reading Guide | 4  Structure of the Constitution/Three Branches Reading Guide (con’t) | 5  Key Terms (Part 2)  Bill of Rights Lyrics and Rap Video Assignment | 6  Bill of Rights Rap Groups – planning |
| 9  Bill of Rights Rap Groups – planning | 10  Bill of Rights Rap:  Group Filming | 11  *Veteran’s Day*  *No School* | 12  Bill of Rights – Lyrics Quiz  Future Fright Video | 13  Constitution Scavenger Hunt |
| 16  How a Bill Becomes a Law Group planning for Paper Slide Video | 17  Group Planning:  How a Bill Becomes a Law Paper Slide Video | 18  Constitution Look Up Quiz  Film Paper Slide Video  Study Guide | 19  Review for Gov’t Test | 20  Gov’t Unit Test |
| 23  Geography Bee | 24  Geography Bee | 25  Thanksgiving Break | 26  Thanksgiving Break | 27  Thanksgiving Break |

\**This is a rough outline. We will adjust daily activities as needed.*

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**Key Terms (Part 1)**

|  |  |
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| **confederation** |  |
| **federal system/ Federalism** |  |
| **Republic** |  |
| **unicameral** |  |
| **ratify** |  |
| **compromise** |  |

**Key Terms (Part 2)**

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| **Preamble** |  |
| **impeach** |  |
| **amendment** |  |
| **petition** |  |
| **Double Jeopardy** |  |
| **due process of law** |  |
| **impartial** |  |
| **Eminent Domain** |  |
| **precedent** |  |
| **veto** |  |
| **Anti-Federalist** |  |
| **bill** |  |
| **Electoral College** |  |
| **Federalist** |  |
| **bicameral** |  |