Introduction

These authentic assessments for the United States Constitution Unit were designed for students at the middle school level. The United States Constitution Unit is designed to be completed in ten-weeks. After the ten-weeks, students complete the state mandated United States Constitution Test. Using a combination of the included authentic assessments and the final traditional assessment ensure that all students will be knowledgeable about the basics of United States government. The assessments were designed to accompany lessons, activities, and experiences to be held in the classroom that are not discussed within this packet.

The unit includes standards mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education and standards that were constructed by following the guidelines of authentic assessment. Aligned with these standards are real-world tasks in which students will complete to demonstrate mastery of the specific standard. Rubrics and criteria are clearly defined so students and teachers know what is expected and how to complete the task so that it is measuring the aligned standard.

The assessments included were designed to address many of the unique learning styles of students and also reach many different levels of Bloom’s Taxonomy. However, because this is the first experience many of the students have with the United States Constitution and government, many of the Bloom’s Taxonomy levels are within the Remember, Comprehension, and Application levels.