



## Grade 3 Expectations for Social Studies

### Unit 4 Governmental Decisions Made at the State Level

7 Weeks

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#### 1. Knowledge of the principles expressed in documents shaping constitutional democracy in the United States (PC)

##### B. Purposes and principles of the Constitution

3.PC.1.B.a Explain and give examples of how laws are made and changed within the state.

- Identify and explain why cities make laws and ordinances

3.PC.1.B.b Explain the major purposes of the Missouri Constitution.

- Identify and explain why Missouri has a constitution and why the state makes and enforces laws

##### C. Purposes and principles of the Bill of Rights

3.PC.1.C Examine how individual rights are protected within our state.

- Discuss and apply responsibilities of citizens including respect for the rights of others and treating others fairly (justice)

##### D. Role of citizens and governments in carrying out constitutional principles

3.PC.1.D Explain how the State of Missouri relies on responsible participation and draw implications for how people should participate.

##### E. Character Traits and Civic Attitudes of Significant Individuals

3.PC.1.E Describe the character traits and civic attitudes of influential Missourians.

##### F. Knowledge of the symbols of our state and nation

3.PC.1.F.a Explain how the National Anthem symbolizes our nation.

3.PC.1.F.b Recognize and explain the significance of Missouri symbols, such as the Gateway Arch, Official state symbols, etc.

## 2. Knowledge of principles and processes of governance systems (GS)

### A. Purposes and roles of government

3.GS.2.A Explain how governments balance individual rights with common good to solve local community or state issues.

- Explain how laws and rules are made and changed to promote the common good
- Explain the importance of promoting the common good

### B. Dispute Resolution

3.GS.2.B Analyze peaceful resolution of disputes by the courts, or other legitimate authorities in Missouri.

- Examples include parents, teachers, principals, etc.

### C. Processes of governmental systems in decision making

3.GS.2.C Describe how authoritative decisions are made, enforced and interpreted by the state government across historical time periods and current events.

### D. Functions of governmental systems

3.GS.2.D Identify and explain the functions of the three branches of government in Missouri.