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Unit Citizenship in the U.S. & Maine Grade Level/Course 7 page 2

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Maine LEARNING RESULT Links (Standard and PI)	Introduce (I), Mastery (M) or Review (R)	Learning Activities for Specific Concepts/Strategies/Content or Skills	Resources	Assessments
B1 c	R  R  I  I  I	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explain the causes of the Revolutionary War</li> <li>2. Explain the purpose of the Declaration of Independence</li> <li>3. Tell the who, what, where, when of the U.S. Constitution</li> <li>4. Explain the purpose of each of the 3 main parts of the U.S. Constitution:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preamble</li> <li>• Articles</li> <li>• Bill of Rights</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Apply concepts of the U.S. Democracy, Constitution, and Citizenship by organizing a democratic classroom (class constitution)</li> <li>6. Explain the purpose of the parts of the State of Maine Constitution.</li> </ol>	DVD's by Schlessinger Media  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The U.S. Constitution &amp; The Bill of Rights</li> <li>2. Comparative Government</li> <li>3. Rights and Responsibilities of U.S. Citizens</li> </ol>	

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B1 c	I	<p>Explain the 3 branches of the U.S. &amp; Maine Governments, powers and responsibilities of each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislature</li> <li>• Executive</li> <li>• Judicial</li> </ul> <p>Explain how local governments differ from state and federal government</p> <p>Tell the structure of <u>own</u> town government, as well as some of the responsibilities of each</p>	<p>Maine Council for the S.S. website</p> <p>Maine Municipal Association “Local government in Maine” on my portaportal</p> <p>Book: Local Government In Maine by Maine Municipal Association</p>	

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B1 a  B2 a, d  A 1 A 2	I  I       R	<p>Explain and provide examples of rights and responsibilities of a U.S. Citizen</p> <p>Identify definitions for the following terms: Society, Citizen, Naturalized Citizen, Alien, Immigrant, Passport/visa, Greencard, Deportation, Treason</p> <p>Contrast legal burdens and moral obligations</p> <p>Propose research question related to a local, state, world issue...</p> <p>Research and summarize information. Propose a plan to resolve issue. Present in the format of a Public Service Announcement, as well as a written report.</p>	AGS United States Citizenship: Learning About our United States	<p>End of Unit Test: Constructed Response</p> <p>Public Service Announcement about a “burning issue”</p>