

FirstLine Schools 7th Grade

Trimester 1



Unit 1:

Unit 1 covers the eve of the American Revolution, before the United States is even in its infancy. Much of the identity of the United States was formed before it was even born. The American values of fierce independence, representation, and self-determination were largely formed in reaction to the tyranny of the British during the Colonial Era.



Unit 2:

Unit 2 rejoins the story of the formation of the American identity following a victory against the British. After the war, the US must create a functioning government that aligns with the principles of the Revolution. The Founding Fathers, the writers of the Constitution and the earliest government officials, attempted to create a system in which individual rights would be valued and the power of the government would be remain in check.

Vocabulary to know:

Mercantilism	Checks and balances
French and Indian War	Compromise
Patriot	Federalist/Anti-federalist
Loyalist	Republicanism
Declaration of Independence	
Articles of Confederation	
Constitution	
Bill of Rights	
Separation of powers	
Popular sovereignty	

Resources:

- [History.com Creating the Constitution](#)
- Shmoop: [Constitutional Convention & Constitution](#)
- [Common Interpretation of the Preamble, School House Rock](#)
- [Shhh. . . We're writing the Constitution](#)