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## **Civics (American Government)**

As Americans, we possess many rights and freedoms, along with the responsibility to evaluate, analyze, and question the structure and function of our social and political institutions, in order to become reflective, engaged citizens who feel empowered to affect change. In 8th grade Civics, we begin with fundamentals of Civics--such as the structure of our government and the content of our founding documents. We also work on developing media literacy, as well as the skills to hold productive, thoughtful, informed discussions about current events. We examine the role of progressive movements in shaping our cultural landscape and developing policy, and explore different avenues of social and political engagement that are available to people of all ages.