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1.0 CONTENT STANDARD: CIVICS- Students will understand the historical development and current status of the fundamental concepts and processes of authority, power, and influence, with particular emphasis on democratic skills and attitudes necessary to become responsible citizens and engage in political participation and contribute to the public process.

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<td>a. Identify local government leaders, such as the mayor, county council members or commissioners, and county executive, and explain their role in protecting citizens and maintaining order</td>
<td>a. Describe how the colony of Maryland was established and governed including the establishment of rule of law and power with authority, such as Proprietorships, Royal Governor, and early General Assembly</td>
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<td>c. Describe the selection process and duties of local officials who make, apply, and enforce laws through government</td>
<td>c. Outline the structure and function of the Maryland General Assembly and the roles of state senators and delegates</td>
<td>c. Identify and summarize how democratic principles, such as rule of law, limited government, consent of the governed, popular sovereignty, and representative democracy, and the limitation of power influenced our founding documents</td>
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<td>2. Explain how certain practices are connected with the democratic principles (skills, attitudes, and dispositions) of being a citizen</td>
<td>2. Analyze the documents, and democratic ideas that developed in the Maryland Colony</td>
<td>2. Analyze the historic events, documents, and practices that are the foundations of our political systems</td>
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<td>a. Analyze how colonial law influenced individuals in Maryland and other colonies, such as indentured servants’ contracts, Tolerance Acts of 1649, Maryland Charter of 1632</td>
<td>a. Explain and report on the early examples of self-government, such as the Mayflower Compact and the House of Burgesses</td>
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<td>b. Describe how regional interests have on shaping government policy in and around Maryland, such as Chesapeake Bay issues, availability of land for mining, land use</td>
<td>d. Describe the three branches of government and their individual powers and responsibilities, such as separation of powers and checks and balances</td>
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## CONTENT STANDARD: PEOPLES OF THE NATIONS AND WORLD

- Student will understand the diversity and commonality, human interdependence, and global cooperation of the people of Maryland, the United States, and the World through a multicultural and a historic perspective.

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<td>a. Describe how environment and location influenced the cultures and lifestyle</td>
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<td>b. Explain how and why media such as the internet, television, radio, and newspaper provide an opportunity to understand various perspectives about cultures</td>
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<td>c. Examine and describe the unique and diverse cultures of early native American societies</td>
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<td>1. Analyze factors that affected relationships in the colonial period</td>
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<td>a. Identify and demonstrate appropriate social skills necessary for working in a cooperative group such as using concern, compassion, and respect among group members</td>
<td>a. Describe the differing historical conflicts such as between the Patriots and Loyalists</td>
<td>a. Analyze how conflict affected relationships among individuals and groups, such as early settlers and Native Americans, free and enslaved people</td>
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<td>c. Identify and describe the location of communities, major cities in Maryland, United States and the world using a globe, maps, and atlases</td>
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<td>b. Identify natural/physical and human-made features of places and regions</td>
<td>a. Compare physical characteristics of different places and regions of Maryland and the United States including natural/physical features, weather and climate, soil, vegetation, minerals and animal life</td>
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<td>c. Describe population distribution of places and regions such as rural and urban</td>
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A. Using Geographic Tools

1. Use geographic tools to locate places and describe human and physical characteristics in Colonial America

a. Use map elements to interpret and construct a variety of maps
b. Use a globe and a variety of maps, atlases to identify natural/physical features of colonial settlements
c. Use photographs, maps, and drawings to describe geographic characteristics
d. Compare geographic locations and geographic characteristics of colonial settlements, such as, Jamestown, Plymouth, Boston, Philadelphia, Charleston, and New York City

B. Geographic Characteristics of Places and Regions

1. Examine the similarities and differences of regions in Colonial America

a. Compare the natural/physical and human characteristics of the three colonial regions
   - New England
   - Middle
   - Southern
b. Describe how geographic characteristics of a place or region changed from early settlements through the colonial period
c. Explain how geographic characteristics affect how people live and work, and the population distribution of a place or region
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<td>b. Analyze the consequences of migration between the colonies and immigration to the colonies, such as Europeans and Africans immigrating to the east coast of the United States</td>
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<td>2. Describe the transportation and communication networks for the movement of people, goods, and ideas to, from, and within Maryland such as Bay Bridge, National Road, B &amp; O Railroad, the Port of Baltimore, and C &amp; O Canal</td>
<td>c. Identify the reasons for the movement of peoples to, from, and within Maryland and the United States</td>
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<td>a. Compare ways Native American societies in Maryland used the natural environment for food, clothing, and shelter</td>
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<td>b. Describe why and how people make decisions about protecting the environment</td>
<td>b. Compare ways and reasons people in Maryland and the United States modify the natural environment and the consequences of modifications</td>
<td>b. Describe ways that colonists in the New England, Middle and Southern regions adapted to and modified the environment, such as the uses of the grist mill, water wheels and plantation farming</td>
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<td>c. Compare ways that people adapt to the environment for food, clothing, and shelter</td>
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1. Explain how people must make choices because resources are limited relative to unlimited wants for goods and services.
   a. Explain why people must make economic choices.
   b. Identify and apply the steps in the decision-making process.
   c. Identify the opportunity cost of a choice or decision.

2. Examine the production process.
   a. Explain how producers make choices because of limited natural, human, and capital resources.
   b. Give examples of when limited resources affect the decisions producers make.
   c. Describe steps in the production process to produce a product.
   d. Explain how specialized work results in increased production.

3. Examine how technology affects the way people live, work, and play.
   a. Describe how changes in technology have affected the lives of consumers, such as UPC bar codes, and online shopping.
   b. Describe how changes in technology have affected the lives of producers, such as robot-powered assembly lines.

### Grade 4

1. Explain that people must make choices because resources are limited relative to economic wants for goods and services in Maryland, past and present.
   a. Identify opportunity cost of economic decisions made by individuals, businesses, and governments.

2. Explain how limited economic resources are used to produce goods and services to satisfy economic wants in Maryland.
   a. Describe how scarcity and the availability of economic resources determine what is produced and the effects on consumers.

### Grade 5

1. Explain that people made choices because resources were limited relative to economic wants for goods and services in Colonial America.
   a. Identify the opportunity cost of economic decisions, such as whether or not to buy products on which British taxes were imposed.

2. Analyze how limited economic resources were used to satisfy economic wants in Colonial America.
   a. Describe how limited resources and unlimited economic wants caused colonists to choose certain goods and services.
   b. Describe how available resources affected specialization and trade.
   c. Analyze how changing from a British colony to an independent nation affected economic resources, production, and economic wants.

3. Analyze how technological changes affected production and consumption in Colonial America.
   a. Describe how the development of new products and new technologies affected the way people lived.
   b. Examine how technology has changed production such as wheat/grist mills.

4. Analyze the consequences of specialized work on interdependence, trade, and economic growth.
   a. Analyze examples of regional specialization and how it contributed to economic growth through the colonies.
   b. Explain specialization and interdependence using the triangular trade routes.
4.0 CONTENT STANDARD: ECONOMICS - Students will evaluate decision making of individuals, businesses, governments, and societies to allocate resources; consider the cost benefits and the interaction of buyers and sellers in a global market; and develop economic reasoning to understand the historical development and current status of economic principles, institutions, and processes needed to be effective citizens, consumers, and workers participating in local communities, the nation, and the world.

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<td>a. Develop a budget indicating income and expenses</td>
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<td>b. Develop a plan that shows how money is obtained, such as selling things, getting a gift, and getting allowance</td>
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5.0 CONTENT STANDARD: HISTORY- Students will evaluate why and how events occurred; locate and assess a variety of sources; engage in historical inquiry involving acquiring knowledge about significant events, developments, individuals, groups, documents, places, and ideas to support investigations about the past and its connection to the present; and analyze how individuals and societies have changes over time in Maryland, the United States, and the world. Examine significant ideas, beliefs, and themes; organize patterns and events; and analyze how individuals and societies have changed over time in Maryland, the United States, and the World.

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<td>a. Describe the origin, destination and goals of the North American explorers</td>
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<td>b. Explain the relationship among events in a variety of timelines</td>
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<td>b. Evaluate the results of the interactions between European explorers and native peoples</td>
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<td>a. Collect and examine information about people, places, or events of the past using pictures, photographs, maps, audio or visual tapes, and or documents</td>
<td>a. Identify the development of indigenous societies from the Paleo-Indians to the Woodland Indians</td>
<td>a. Describe the major settlements in Roanoke, St. Augustine and Jamestown</td>
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2. Analyze the growth and development of colonial America |

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| 2. Analyze the political, economic and social lives of people in New England, Middle and the Southern colonies |
| 2. Analyze the different roles and viewpoints of individuals and groups, such as women, men, free and enslaved Africans, and Native Americans during the Revolutionary period |

b. Compare the political, economic and social lives of people in New England, Middle and the Southern colonies |
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5.0 CONTENT STANDARD: HISTORY- Students will evaluate why and how events occurred; locate and assess a variety of sources; engage in historical inquiry involving acquiring knowledge about significant events, developments, individuals, groups, documents, places, and ideas to support investigations about the past and its connection to the present; and analyze how individuals and societies have changed over time in Maryland, the United States, and the world. Examine significant ideas, beliefs, and themes; organize patterns and events; and analyze how individuals and societies have changed over time in Maryland, the United States, and the World.

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| | 1. Examine the consequences of interactions among groups and cultures in Maryland  
   a. Describe Maryland colonists’ reactions to changing economic policies from England using events that led to the American Revolutionary War  
   b. Explain the interactions between colonists and the British during the Pre-Revolutionary period | 1. Analyze the causes of the American Revolution  
   a. Identify and sequence key events between the French and Indian War and the American Revolution  
   b. Examine the viewpoints of Patriots and Loyalists regarding British colonial policy after the Seven Years’ War |  
| | 2. Explain the political, cultural, economic, and social changes in Maryland during the early 1800s  
   a. Describe Maryland’s role in the War of 1812  
   b. Describe the importance of changes in industry, transportation, education, rights and freedoms in Maryland, such as roads and canals, slavery, B&O railroad, the National Road, immigration, public schools, and religious freedoms | 2. Analyze the effects of the American Revolution  
   a. Analyze how the revolution altered colonial and national governments  
   b. Describe individual freedoms that resulted from the formation of an independent nation |  
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| | 3. Analyze regional differences in the Civil War and its effects on people in Maryland  
   a. Describe the economic interests in Maryland, such as agricultural v. industrial and slave v. non-slave  
   b. Explain why loyalties to the North and the South were divided in Maryland |  |  
| | 4. Analyze how the institution of slavery impacted individuals and groups in Maryland  
   a. Compare the lives of slave families and free blacks  
   b. Describe the anti-slavery movement in Maryland  
   c. Describe the growth of the Underground Railroad |  |  
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**Developing Questions & Planning Inquiries:** “The development of compelling and supporting questions is a sophisticated intellectual activity (C3, 2013, 24).” Over time, the responsibility for identifying compelling and supporting questions should shift from teacher to student. By 6th grade, the expectation for student ownership of the compelling and supporting questions should start to increase. By 12th grade, the students should be constructing their own compelling and supporting questions for inquiry.

To plan an inquiry, students will determine the sources needed to help answer the compelling and supporting questions. They will determine the kinds of sources that will help in answering compelling and supporting questions. They will assess the multiple points of view represented in an argument or explanation, the types of sources available, and the potential use of sources.

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<td>2. Identify how different opinions may affect how compelling and supporting questions are answered and how sources may reflect these interpretations</td>
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**Applying Disciplinary Concepts & Tools:** This section focuses on the disciplinary concepts and tools students need to understand and apply as they study the specific content prescribed in the state curriculum. It is divided into four sections—Civics (previously named Political Science in the state curriculum), Geography, Economics, and History.

**Civics:** Civics teaches the principles of government such as adherence to the social contract, consent of the governed, limited government, legitimate authority, federalism, and separation of powers that are meant to guide official institutions. It also teaches the virtues that allow individuals to analyze multiple perspectives, follow rules, and use the deliberative process when individuals engage in political participation and contribute to the public process.

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<td>3. Use deliberative processes when making decisions or reaching judgments as a group</td>
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<td>4. Identify the beliefs, experiences, perspectives, and values that underlie their own and others’ points of view about civic issues</td>
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Economics: Effective economic decision making requires that students have a keen understanding of the ways in which individuals, business, government, and societies make decisions to allocate human capital, physical capital and natural resources among alternative uses.

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A. Economic Decision Making
   1. Compare the benefits and costs of individual choices
   2. Apply the steps in the decision-making process to a financial situation

B. Exchange and Markets
   (Begins in Grade 6)

C. The National Economy
   (Begins in Grade 6)

D. The Global Economy
   1. Investigate how social and cultural decisions affect the ecology and economy
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Geography: Geographical inquiry helps people understand and appreciate their own place in the world. It fosters curiosity about earth’s wide diversity of environments and cultures. Geographic reasoning rests on understanding the earth’s physical and human features, including the locations of places and regions, the distribution of landforms and water bodies, and historic changes in political boundaries, economic activities, and geographic representation. It requires using spatial and environmental perspectives to analyze geographic issues and problems by using geographic representations.

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A. Geographic Representations
   1. Construct maps and other graphic representations of both familiar and unfamiliar places
   2. Use maps, satellite images, photographs, and other representations to explain relationships between the locations of places and regions and their environmental characteristics
   3. Use maps of different scales to describe the locations of cultural and environmental characteristics

B. Human-Environment Interaction: Place, Region, and Culture

C. Human Population: Spatial Patterns and Movements

D. Global Interconnections: Changing Spatial Patterns
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History: Historical thinking requires understanding and evaluating change and continuity over time and making appropriate use of historical evidence in answering questions and developing arguments about the past. Historical inquiry involves acquiring knowledge about significant events, developments, individuals, groups, documents, places, and ideas to support investigations.

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A. Change, Continuity, and Context  
1. Create and use a chronological sequence of related events to compare developments that happened at the same time  
2. Compare life in specific historical time periods to life today  
3. Generate questions about individuals and groups who have shaped significant historical changes and continuities  

B. Perspectives  
1. Explain why individuals and groups during the same historical period differed in their perspectives  
2. Explain connections among historical contexts and people’s perspectives at the time  
3. Describe how people’s perspectives shaped the historical sources they created  

(Certification in Grade 9)  

C. Historical Sources & Evidence  
1. Summarize how different kinds of historical sources are used to explain events in the past  
2. Compare information provided by different historical sources about the past  
3. Infer the intended audience and purpose of a historical source from information within the source itself  
4. Generate questions about multiple historical sources and their relationships to particular historical events and developments  
5. Use information about a historical source, including the maker date, place of origin, intended audience, and purpose to judge the extent to which the source is useful for studying a particular topic  

D. Causation & Argumentation  
1. Explain probable causes and effects of events and developments  
3. Use evidence to develop a claim about the past  
4. Summarize the central claim in a secondary work of history  

(Begins in Grade 6)  

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**Evaluating Sources & Using Evidence:** “Evaluating sources and using evidence includes a sophisticated set of skills, even the youngest children understand the need to give reasons for their ideas. As they progress through the grades, students learn more advanced approaches related to these skills.” (C 3, 2013, 53)

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<td>2. Describe and evaluate the origin, type, and context of each source in order to assess its value in answering the question</td>
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<td>3. Distinguish between fact and opinion within the sources to determine the credibility of multiple sources</td>
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<td>B. Developing Claims &amp; Using Forms</td>
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6.0 Social Studies Processes & Skills – Students shall use reading, writing, and thinking processes and skills to gain knowledge and understanding of political, historical, and current events using disciplinary and inquiry literacies.

Communicating and Critiquing Conclusions & Taking Informed Action: “Communicating conclusions involves students formalizing their arguments and explanations. This can take the form of essays, reports, and multimedia presentations which offer students opportunities to represent their ideas in a variety of forms and communicate their conclusions to a range of audiences. Students’ primary audience will likely be their teachers and classmates, but even young children benefit from opportunities to share their conclusions with audiences outside their classroom doors.” (C3, 2013, 60)

Critiquing claims demands students to evaluate the sources, how the evidence is used, and the structure and/or form the arguments or explanations take. The critiquing of arguments and explanations deepens students’ understanding of concepts and tools in the disciplines and helps students strengthen their conclusions.

To take informed action, students use disciplinary knowledge, skills, and perspectives to analyze problems involved in public issues; deliberate with other people about how to define and address issues; after assessing options for action, take constructive, independent, and collaborative action; and then reflect on their actions. (C3, 2013, 62)

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<td>A. Communicating Conclusions</td>
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<td>3. Present a summary of arguments and explanations to others outside the classroom using print and oral technologies (e.g., posters, essay, letters, debates, speeches, and reports) and digital technologies (e.g., internet, social media, and digital documentary)</td>
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<td>2. Explain different strategies and approaches they and others could take to address local, regional, and global problems</td>
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<td>3. Use a range of deliberative and democratic procedures to make decision about and act on civic problems in their classrooms and schools</td>
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<td>- Integrate and evaluate content presented graphically, visually, orally, and multimodally as well as in words within and across print and digital sources (MDCCR Anchor Standard R.7). *</td>
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<td>- Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and fluency of the evidence (MDCCR Anchor Standard R.8). *</td>
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<td>- With teacher guidance, the students will select, read, and comprehend informational text that reflects grade level complexity (MDCCR Anchor Standard R.10). *</td>
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<td>- Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence. (MDCCR Anchor Standard W.1.). *</td>
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<td>- Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively. (MDCCR Anchor Standard SL 1.). *</td>
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