

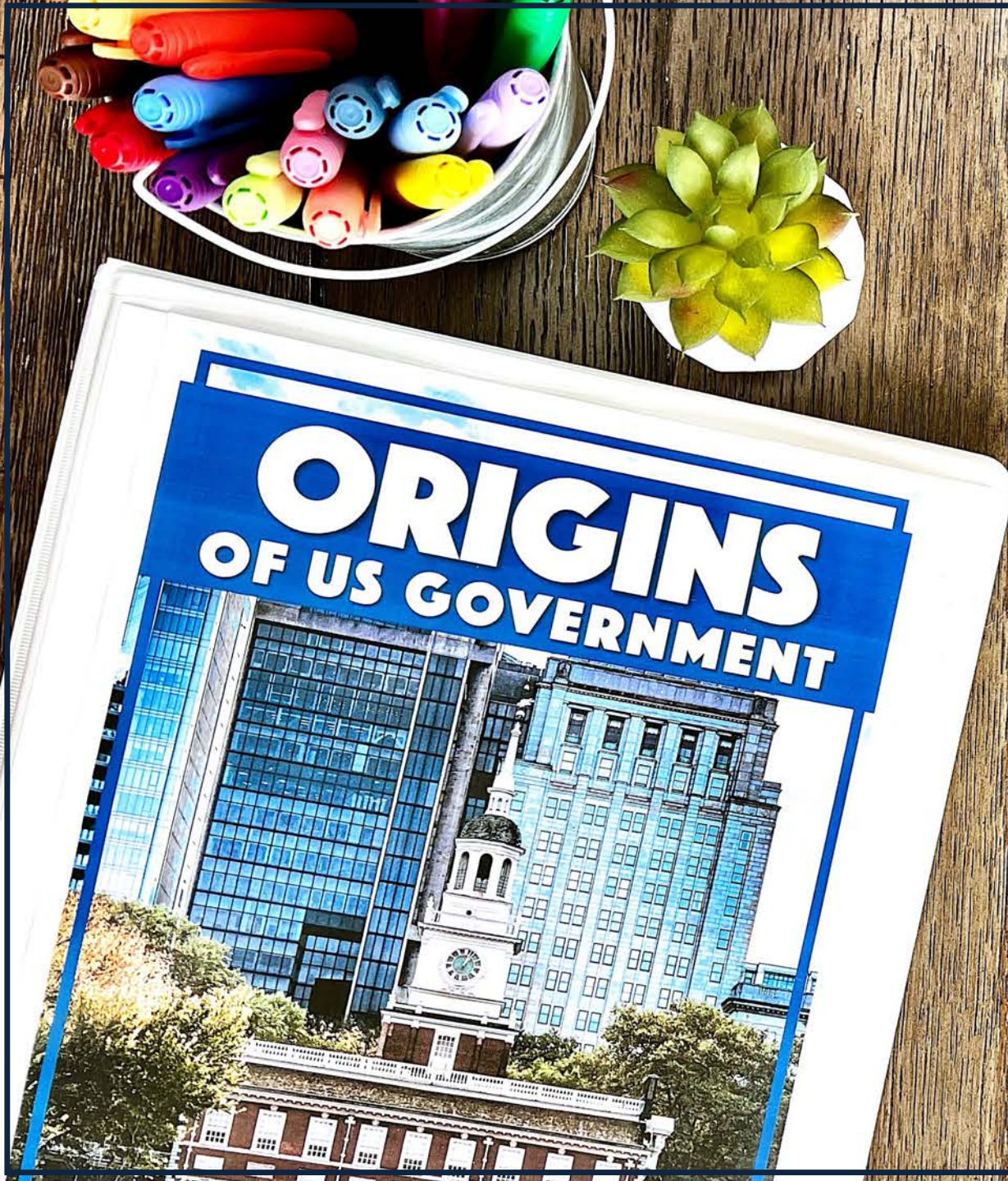
EVERYTHING TO TEACH THE ORIGINS OF US GOV

3-4 week complete unit

Cover this foundational content **confidently** without getting lost in the weeds!

- ✓ 4 Founding Docs podcasts with guided notes
- ✓ Enlightened Ideals crack the code stations
- ✓ Declaration of Independence & Constitution Preamble source close read & analysis
- ✓ Federalist & Anti-Federalists Papers argument analysis & evaluation stations activity
- ✓ Principles of the Constitution & Different Types of Government lecture, current events analysis, diorama making, & matching games
- ✓ Reviews Cards with multiple game ideas

ALL STUDENT MATERIALS COME IN PRINT & DIGITAL OPTIONS

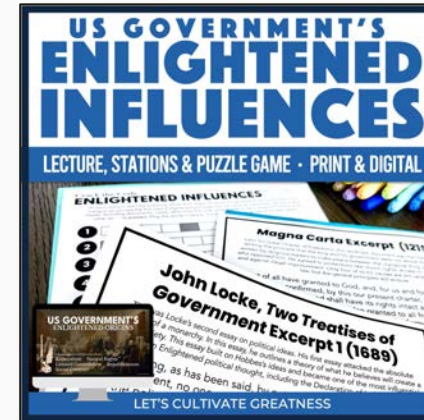
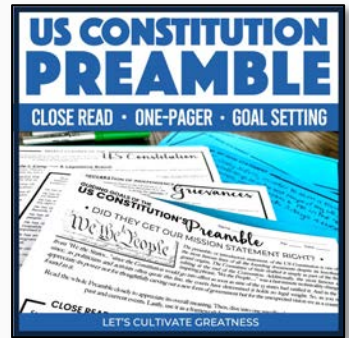


TOPICS & STANDARDS

covered

- ✓ **Enlightened influences** on founding documents and the US Government's structure
- ✓ **Principles and ideals in founding documents**, like the Declaration of Independence, Preamble & US Constitution, Articles of Confederation, and Federalist & Anti-Federalist Papers
- ✓ **Key individuals and their influences** like John Locke, Thomas Paine, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, George Mason,
- ✓ **Analyzing primary sources** for their main idea, citing evidence, making text-to-text and text-to-real-world connection

EACH ACTIVITY IS STAND-ALONE, LETTING YOU PLUG & PLAY TO FIT YOUR CLASSROOM NEEDS



ENLIGHTENED INFLUENCES

crack the code

Build a strong base for US Government by exploring foundational Enlightened principles & primary sources

Multiple activity and accommodations options are included!

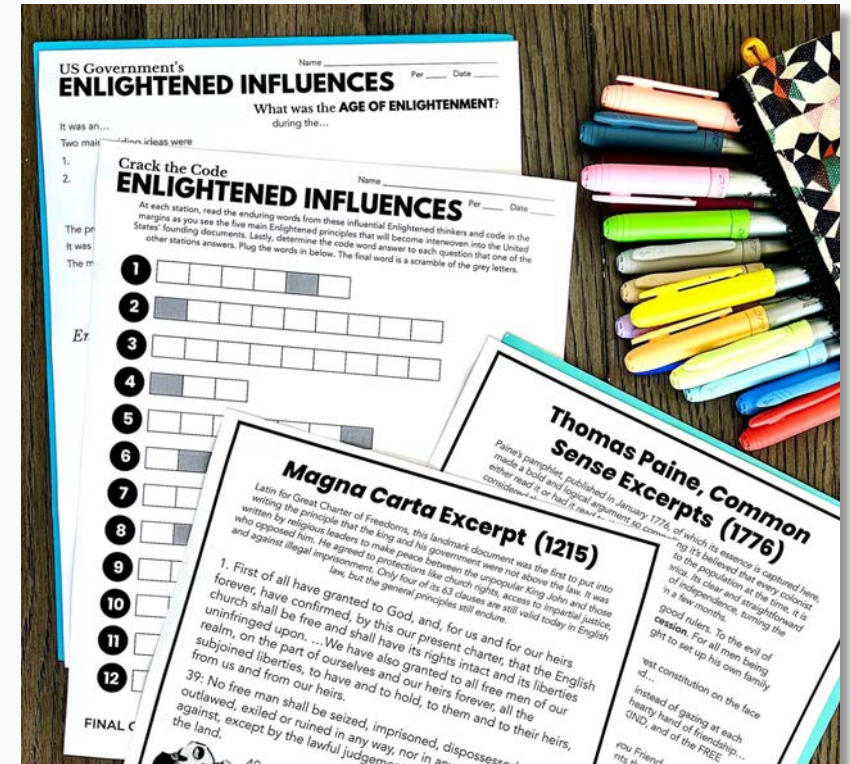
WHAT'S INCLUDED

Lecture Slides & Guided Notes: introduce the Age of Enlightenment and analyze the 5 key principles that influenced the US Government foundation

12 Primary Source Stations: close read key influential sources and analyze for the 5 principles

Crack the Code Activity: further reinforce key quotes and ideas with this bonus puzzle activity

PDF & DIGITAL INCLUDED FOR ALL STUDENT MATERIALS



DECLARATION & PREAMBLE

close reads

Discover the deep-rooted principles that shaped the Declaration of Independence and US Constitution's Preamble. Multiple activity and accommodation options included!

ACTIVITY KITS INCLUDE

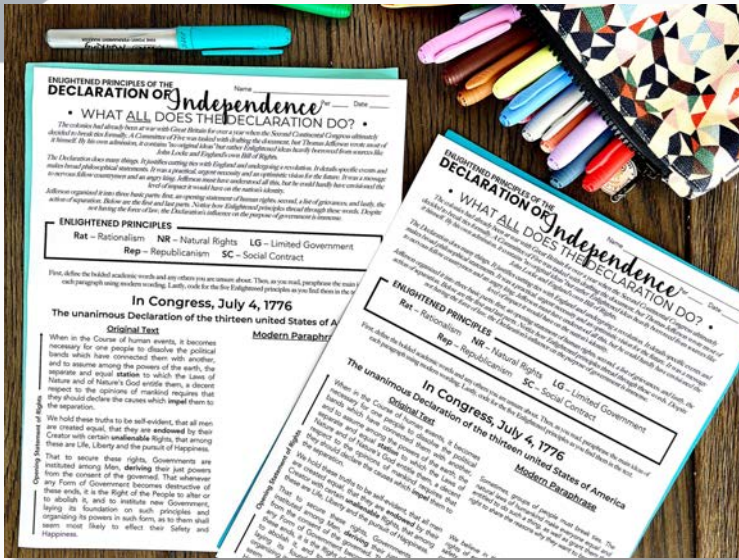
Source Close Read & Analysis: dig into these foundational sources and analyze for core principles

One-Pager: connect select quotes to previous events, items in the Constitution, and current events

Card Sort: further reinforce principles and Declaration's impact with this collaborative activity

Goal Setting Slips: using the Preamble as a mentor text, draft personal goals for the year or semester to post

MAKE CONNECTIONS ACROSS SOURCES



3 FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST

essay analysis

Deeply explore the concerns and rationales for many of the key provisions in the US Constitution.

Multiple activity and accommodation options included!

3 INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

Lecture & Guided Notes: provide essential background context for the debate and essays

Essay Close Read: practice summarizing academic text

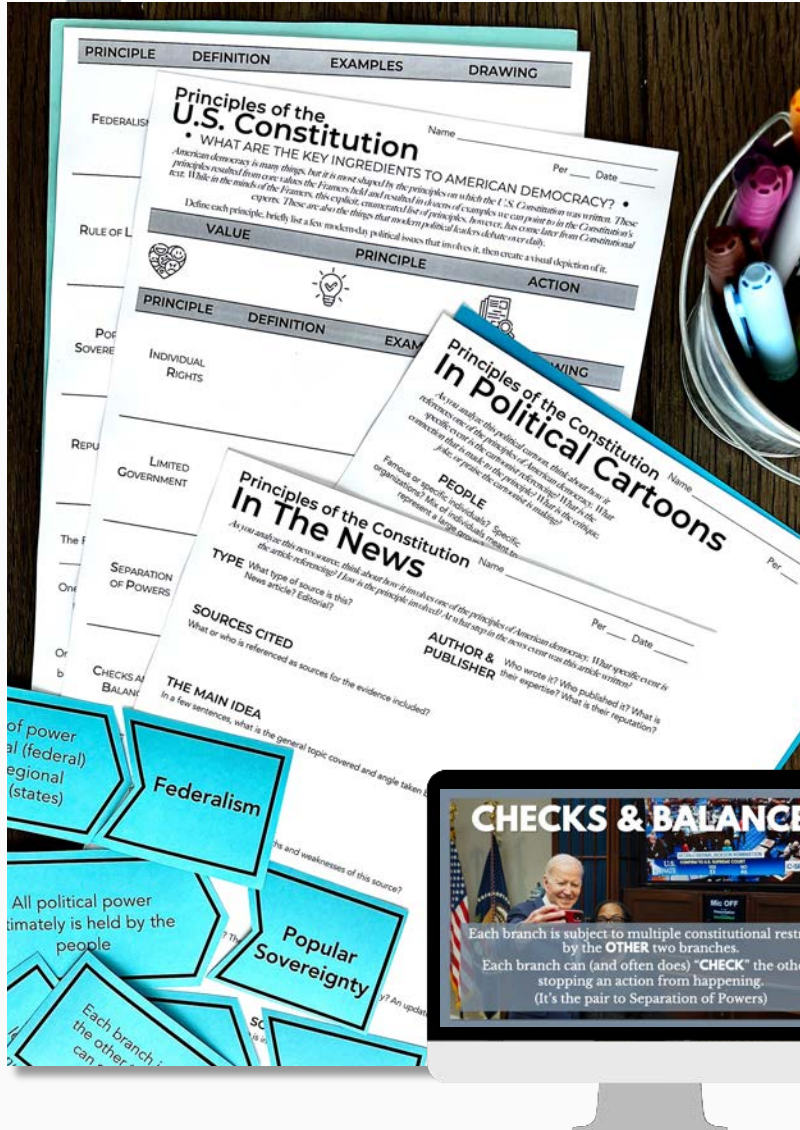
Argument Analysis Stations: assess the points made by both sides, deciding how valid the concerns are and making connections to today

MAKE COMPLEX SOURCES ACCESSIBLE



4 PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

activities



7 MIX & MATCH ACTIVITIES

2 Intros: Brainstorming & matching activities

Notes: Graphic organizer for definitions & real-world examples

Real-World: News article analysis activity

Source Analysis: Political cartoon stations

Creative Project: Gummy bear dioramas

Collaborative: Hexagonal display

Plus Lecture slides, Lesson plans
Answer keys, PDF & editable Google

5 DIFFERENT FORMS OF GOVERNMENT *activities*

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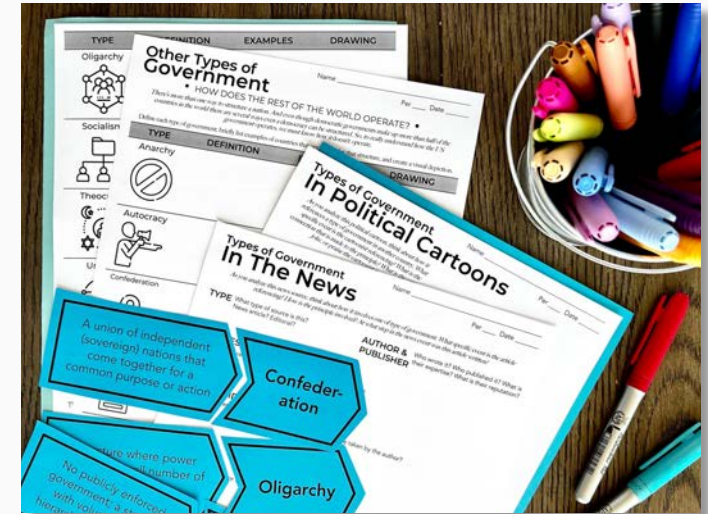
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REVIEW CARD DECK

with games

This is the perfect non-screen tool to help students **refresh, solidify, and more deeply connect** our founding documents and principles.

KIT INCLUDES

56 different cards -- 7 card types

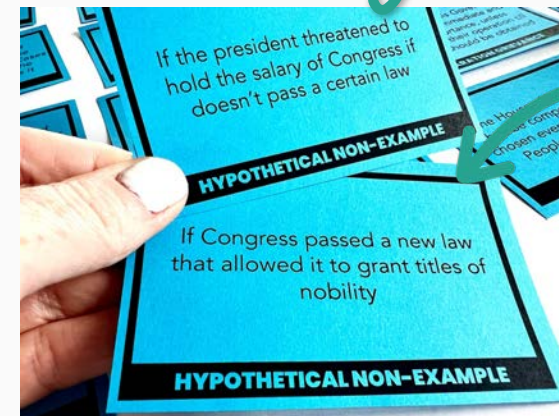
Header titles for sorting

Record sheet

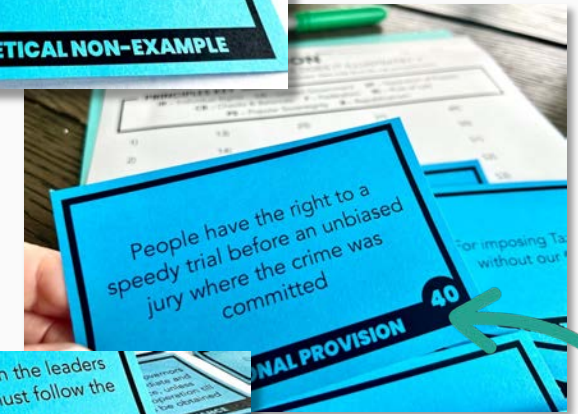
Six review game ideas

Make-your-own template cards

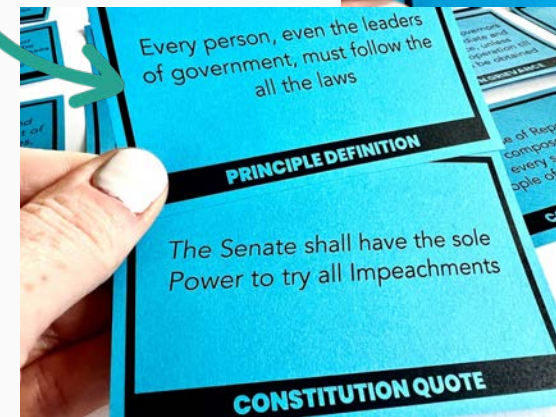
**ENCOURAGE COOPERATION & STUDENT TALK
WITH THESE NON-SCREEN GAMES**



Connect to Examples



Connect to Constitution



Use as a formal quiz

FOUNDING DOCUMENTS

podcast kit

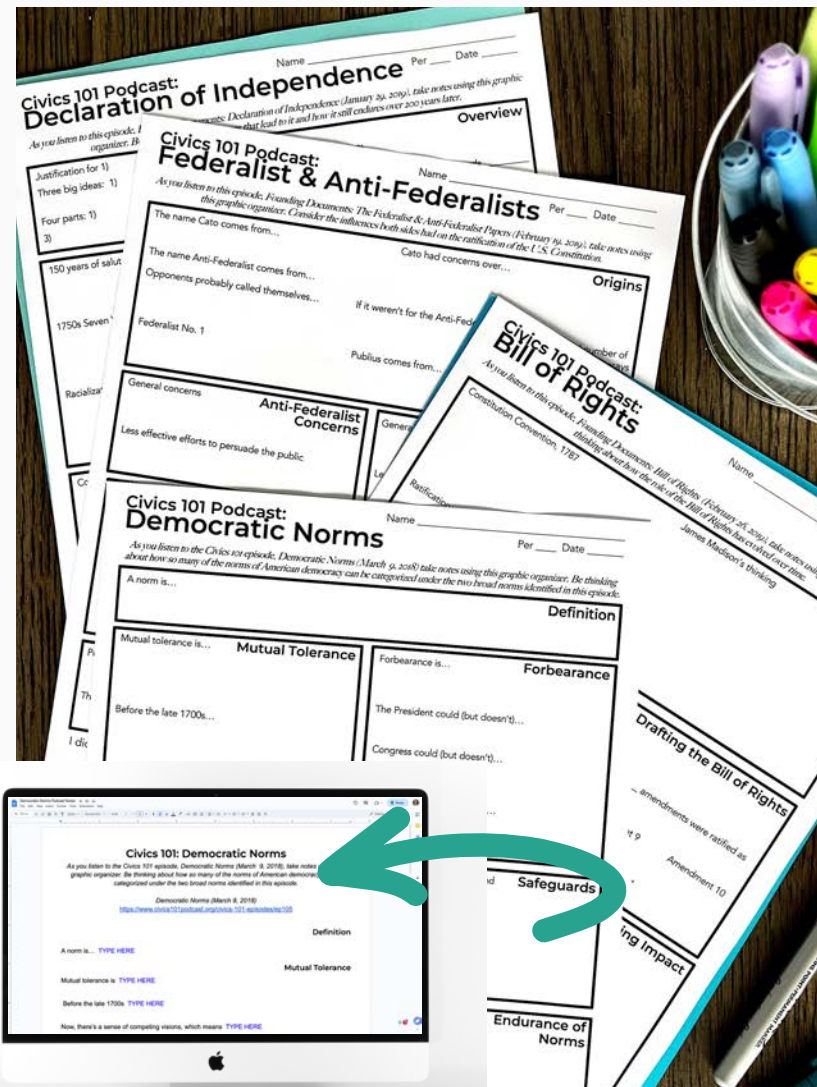
This is an **easy alternative** to a lecture day, rapid-fire YouTube videos, and your dry textbook.

This is great for adding **student choice** for how they learn the content!

TOPICS COVERED

- ✓ Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and Federalist & Anti-Federalist Essays
- ✓ Their backstory, what they say, what those words have meant over the centuries
- ✓ Democratic Norms – the accepted truths that operate our government & nation

GUIDED NOTES WITH ANSWER KEYS



FREQUENTLY ASKED *questions*

Will this work for middle school?

These activities are designed for and written at a **high school level**. If your students are advanced or you are willing to make edits, it may work. I use these materials with my very mixed-ability on-level 12th-grade Civics class.

Look closely at the previews or purchase one of the resources to sample. If you end up getting this unit bundle, you can **request a refund** from TPT for that resource.

Is this editable?

Yes! Generally, student materials come with a digital Google file version that is editable for the exclusive purpose of customizing it to meet your student's needs.

Is there a pacing guide?

No. This is a **unit bundle**, meaning it's a collection of all the **standalone resources** you need to cover this topic well. Each resource lists an overall suggested time allotment. Kits come with multiple activities to fill the time you have allotted.

Will this work for my <insert unique setting here> classroom?

The preview and product description are **extremely detailed**—be sure to take a close look. Also, all student materials come with an editable, digital version. If you still have questions, feel free to **leave a Q&A!**

How is this different from your other Foundations of Government unit?

This unit contains **plug-and-play resources**, meaning each is self-contained and perfect for using interchangeably with your existing materials. They also dive a bit deeper into topics, ensuring full coverage of even the most stringent state standards.

The other one is an **inquiry PBL unit** that centers on a single inquiry question, covering these topics all through the lens of an inquiry. That unit is best for teachers in a more flexible situation who want to try a more inquiry-driven approach.