We the People	Arizona Common Core Standard for ELA and Literacy in
Level II	History/Social Studies
	Writing – Grades 6-8
	All 30 lessons in We the People Level II include critical thinking and other activities
	which give the instructor the option of having students respond as individuals or in
	groups, verbally or in writing. If the instructor chooses to have students respond in
	writing, then the following standards are applicable to <u>all</u> of the corresponding lessons.
	Additionally, the culminating activity, a simulated congressional hearing, in particular, incorporates all of the writing standards in a singular activity.
Lesson 1 What were the British colonies in America like in the 1770s?	6-8.WHST.1. Write arguments focused on <i>discipline-specific content</i> .
	 Introduce claim(s) about a topic or issue, acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
	 Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text, using credible sources.
	 Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
	d. Establish and maintain a formal style.
	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
	6-8.WHST.2. Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
	 Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
	 Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
	 Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
	d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
	e. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
	6-8.WHST.3.
	(See note; not applicable as a separate requirement)
	Note: Students' narrative skills continue to grow in these grades. The Standards

require that students be able to incorporate narrative elements effectively into arguments and informative/explanatory texts. In history/social studies, students must be able to incorporate narrative accounts into their analyses of individuals or events of historical import. 6-8.WHST.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. Produce clear and coherent functional writing (e.g., formal letters, envelopes, procedures, labels, timelines, graphs/tables, experiments, maps, captions, charts, diagrams) in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. 6-8.WHST.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. 6-8.WHST.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently. 6-8.WHST.7. Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. 6-8.WHST.8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. 6-8.WHST.9. Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. 6-8.WHST.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. All standards may be met as noted above. Lesson 2 Why do we need government? Lesson 3 All standards may be met as noted above. What is republican government?

Γ	
Lesson 4	All standards may be met as noted above.
What is constitutional	
government?	
Lesson 5	All standards may be met as noted above.
How can we organize	
government to prevent	
the abuse of power?	
Lesson 6	All standards may be met as noted above.
What experiences led to	
the American	
Revolution?	
Lesson 7	All standards may be met as noted above.
	All standards may be met as noted above.
What experiences led to	
the American	
Revolution?	
Lesson 8	All standards may be met as noted above.
What basic ideas about	
government are in the	
Declaration of	
Independence?	
Lesson 9	All standards may be met as noted above.
What happened during	
the American	
Revolution? How did the	
government function?	
Lesson 10	All standards may be met as noted above.
How did the states	
govern themselves after	
the Revolution?	
Lesson 11	All standards may be met as noted above.
How did the Articles of	All standards may be met as noted above.
Confederation organize	
the first national	
government	
Lesson 12	All standards may be met as noted above.
Who attended the	
Philadelphia	
Convention? How was it	
organized?	
Lesson 13	All standards may be met as noted above.
How did the Framers	
resolve the conflict	
about representation in	
Congress?	
220. 200.	

Losson 4.4	All standards was the material at a second
Lesson 14	All standards may be met as noted above.
How did the Framers	
resolve the conflict	
about the powers of the	
government?	
Lesson 15	All standards may be met as noted above.
How did the Framers	
resolve the conflict	
about powers of the	
legislative branch?	
Lesson 16	All standards may be met as noted above.
How much power	
should be given to the	
executive and judicial	
branch?	
Lesson 17	All standards may be met as noted above.
How did the	
Constitution create a	
federal system of	
government?	
Lesson 18	All standards may be met as noted above.
How did the people	
approve the new	
Constitution?	
Lesson 19	All standards may be met as noted above.
How did Congress	
organize the new	
government?	
Lesson 20	All standards may be met as noted above.
How did political parties	
develop?	
Lesson 21	All standards may be met as noted above.
How does the U.S.	
Supreme Court use the	
power of judicial	
review?	
Lesson 22	All standards may be met as noted above.
How does the U.S.	
Supreme Court	
determine the meaning	
of the words of the	
Constitution?	
Lesson 23	All standards may be met as noted above.
How does the	, in the second
Constitution protect	
freedom of expression?	
	1

Lesson 24	All standards may be met as noted above.
How does the	
constitution protect	
freedom of religion?	
Lesson 25	All standards may be met as noted above.
How has the right to	
vote expanded since the	
Constitution was	
adopted?	
Lesson 26	All standards may be met as noted above.
How does the	
Constitution safeguard	
the right to equal	
protection of the law?	
Lesson 27	All standards may be met as noted above.
How does the	
Constitution protect the	
right to due process of	
law?	
Lesson 28	All standards may be met as noted above.
What is the relationship	
of the United States to	
other nations in the	
world?	
Lesson 29	All standards may be met as noted above.
What are the rights and	
responsibilities of	
citizenship?	
Lesson 30	All standards may be met as noted above.
How might citizens	
participate in civic	
affairs?	