**American Government Unit 2 – Understanding the Constitution**

**Bell work Assignments (4 Total Entries)**

Sept. 24/25

* In your opinion, why does the U.S. government have checks and balances and separation of powers. (i.e. executive, legislative, and judicial branches)

Sept. 26/27

* Explain the differences between a central government system verses a federal government system. Which form do you think works best for the citizens of a country? Explain.

Oct. 1/2

* Which branch of the federal government do you think is the most important to the country and its people? Explain.
  + Legislative (Congress)
  + Executive (President and Cabinet members)
  + Judicial (Supreme Court)

Oct. 3/4

* Your first amendment rights provide you with freedom of speech, religion, press, petition, and assembly. What do these rights mean to you? In what ways are these rights unlimited and restrained? Give examples.

**Assignments**

Basic Principles Bookwork Assignment

* 7 read to discover questions
* 10 vocabulary

The Constitution and the Public Good Bookwork Assignment

* 6 read to discover questions

Basic Principles Essay

* (4-5) paragraphs

Unit 2 Section 1-2 Open-note Quiz

* 20 questions
* 3 paragraph essay

Constitution Assessment

* (take home essay test)