“Essential Questions” for each unit

**Unit 1:**

1. What are rights, duties, and responsibilities?
2. What are the ways you can be considered an American citizen?
3. What is the American Identity?

**Unit 2:**

1. What are the causes of the American Revolution (long and short term)?
2. What were the Articles of Confederation and what problems did it create?
3. Who were the Federalists and Anti-Federalists?
4. What were the compromises of the Constitutional Convention?

**Unit 3:**

1. What are the 7 Articles of the Constitution?
2. What is the process used for amending the constitution?
3. What are the 3 branches of government and how do they check each other?
4. What are the 4 principles of government?

**Unit 4:**

Legislative-

1. How does a bill become law? (Federal and State)
2. Define the types of power- Expressed, implied, inherent, reserved, concurrent, and denied
3. Explain the powers of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Executive-

1. What are the roles of the President? Roles of the governor?
2. What is impeachment?
3. What are executive agencies?
4. What is the Council of State and what are its functions?

Judicial-

1. What is the structure of federal and state courts? (SASD and SAD)
2. What are the types of jurisdiction?
3. What is Judicial Review?
4. Court cases: Marbury v Madison, In Re Gault, TLO v NJ, Plessy 🡪 Brown

**Unit 5:**

1. What is the function of political parties?
2. How do we elect the president?
3. How does mass media affect public opinion?

**Unit 6:**

1. What are the types of laws?
2. How do we address juvenile offenses?
3. What are the criminal and civil trial processes?

**Unit 7:**

1. What are the 4 factors of production?
2. How do businesses increase productivity? (specialization, division of labor)
3. What are wants & needs and scarcity & opportunity costs? How do these topics relate?

**Unit 8:**

1. What is the circular flow of the economy?
2. What are the 4 types of economic systems? Which does the U.S. have?
3. What is supply & demand and how are they related?
4. What is the business cycle?

**Unit 9:**

1. What is personal financial literacy?
2. What is the Federal Reserve? Money institutions i.e. banks, saving and loan offices, credit unions
3. What is the difference between monetary and fiscal policy?
4. What are a few different types of investments? Be able to explain these.