***Forms of Government in the Utah Social Studies Core Curriculum***

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*Pursuant to Utah Code 53A-13-101.4, instruction in American history and government shall include a study of the United States’ form of government, a compound constitutional republic, other forms of government, such as a republic, a pure democracy, a monarchy, and an oligarchy, and political philosophies and economic systems, such as socialism, individualism, and free market capitalism.*

*There may be some unfamiliarity with the term compound constitutional republic. Under the terms set forth in our Constitution, our nation’s government is a compound constitutional republic, comprised of sovereign states with designated powers and a national government with designated powers.  Helping students understand the more frequently-referenced concept of federalism should help them understand the concept of the compound constitutional republic.*

*Throughout our history – indeed from the very drafting of the Constitution -- there has been great debate over where power resides and whether states or a national government have jurisdiction over certain areas of government, e.g. education, commerce, civil rights, and so on.  Using some of these historical debates as case studies may help students see the dynamism inherent in the federalist system, also known as the compound constitutional republic.*

**Compound Constitutional Republic in the Utah Social Studies Core**

***Fifth Grade*   
Standard III: Students will understand the rights and responsibilities guaranteed in the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights.** Objective 1: Assess the underlying principles of the US Constitution as the framework for the United States’ form of government, a compound constitutional republic.

***US History 1***  
**Standard 6: Students will understand the structure and function of the United States** **government established by the Constitution.**  
 Objective 1: Assess the foundations and principles that led to the development of the Constitution, and to the United States’ form of government, a compound constitutional republic.

***US History 2*  
Standard 1: Students will expand their knowledge of pre-Reconstruction America.** Objective 2: Investigate the development of the United States’ form of government, a compound constitutional republic, and its institutions and politics. ***US Government and Citizenship*  
Standard 1: Students will understand the significance and impact of the Constitution on everyday life.** Objective 1: Investigate the ideas and events that significantly influenced the creation of theUnited States Constitution and the United States’ form of government, a compound constitutional republic.  **Standard 3: Students will understand the distribution of power among the national, state, and local governments in the United States federal system, or compound constitutional republic.**