



**Unit Plan: America’s Promise: Fulfilled ... or, Broken?**

**End of Unit Authentic Assessment (GRASPS and Rubrics)**

	<b>GRASPS</b>
<b>GOAL</b>	You will participate in a mock trial in which the United States government has been charged with breaking its promises (located in the founding documents) to the people. You will find evidence that either defends or prosecutes the United States government.
<b>Role</b>	The United States has been accused of not fulfilling the promises it made to the people in the nation’s founding documents! As a defense or prosecuting attorney in this case, you will use your research and persuasion skills to convince the jury to rule on your side!
<b>Audience</b>	The jury will be comprised of United States citizens who have been selected as appropriate jurors for this case by the attorneys involved.
<b>Situation</b>	The ACLU has filed various lawsuits on behalf of immigrants, prisoners, members of the LGBT community, and the poor – accusing the United States government of breaking the promises found in the Constitution. Is the United States guilty or innocent?
<b>Performance</b>	In lawyer groups, develop convincing arguments supported by historical evidence and current events. You are responsible for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening Statement (2 minutes)</li> <li>2. Evidence (7-9 minutes)</li> <li>3. Witness Testimony (2 minutes)</li> <li>4. Closing Statement (2 minutes)</li> </ol>
<b>Standards for Success</b>	Your statements and arguments demonstrate a clear understanding of principles of democracy and constitutional liberties as stated in the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. You are able to apply the words of the founding documents to past and present events, and make convincing arguments about how well these principles have been upheld over time.