

**Benchmark: C1a**

**Brief Constructed Response Prompt:**

Describe the structure of the government of the United States and explain why the Framers of our Constitution might have chosen this structure?

**Possible Response:** Answers will vary; one possible response...

The government of the United States is federal and presidential. The Framers chose this structure because it breaks-up and distributes power in a manner that helps to prevent tyranny.

**Rubric**

**2** = This response gives a valid answer with an accurate and relevant explanation.

**1** = This response gives a valid answer with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no explanation.

**0** = inaccurate or no response