GE Area D2 outcome 1 Rubric

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Explain the structure of the governments of the United States and the State of California.

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|  | 3-advanced | 2-proficient | 1-developing |
| Structure of the Government of the US and California | Student clearly identifies and/or explains a minimum of two key aspects of the structure of the US or California government. Student gives at least one accurate example for each aspect they mention. | Student does NOT clearly identify and/or explain a minimum of two key aspects of the structure of the US or California government or provide examples for each aspect mentioned. | Assignment is incomplete and/or inaccurately describes the structure of the US or California government. |

**Examples of assignments might include**: compare and contrast structure of US w/structure of CA government; explain the role of one of the three main branches of government in either the US government or the state government, explain how ideology plays a role in US or CA government; discuss some major philosophical approaches behind US or CA government, etc.

**Aspects could include**: separation of powers, checks and balances, political parties, political ideology, participation, representation, legislative policymaking vs. ballot initiatives/propositions, etc.