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CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Government

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Government Course Overview

The Government course focuses on American and international governments. Students will learn about the history of governments, the characteristics of the United States government, political parties, and the voting process. These areas of focus target two major content strands: History, and Government and Citizenship. Students will also gain practice in research, presentations, writing essays, and creating an argument in topics such as elected officials and the Supreme Court. In addition to the default course program, Government includes alternate lessons, projects, and tests for use in enhancing instruction or addressing individual needs.

- **International Governments:** Students will learn the basic philosophies and types of government while exploring historical political leaders from around the world.

- **History of Governments:** Students explore the different governments throughout history including ancient Greek democracy, feudalism, and totalitarian regimes.

- **American Government:** Examine the structure and functions of the U.S. government including the Constitution, branches of government, and how a bill becomes a law. Understand the effects technology and the economy have on the American government.

- **U.S. Party System:** Understand the development and role of political parties in the American party system. Students will look at the effect media and the public have on the political process.

- **The Citizen:** Describe the role of the citizen in the United States government. Identify methods of propaganda and how they are used to effect public opinion.

Unit 1: International Governments			
Assignments			
1.	Course Overview	11.	Aquinas, Aristotle, and Engels
2.	The Purpose of Government	12.	Machiavelli, Marx, and Milton
3.	Types of Government	13.	Project: Your State Government*
4.	A List of Government Titles	14.	Essay: Government
5.	Quiz: Government	15.	Quiz: Political Thinkers
6.	Presidential Governments	16.	Special Project*
7.	Parliamentary Governments	17.	Test: International Governments
8.	One-Party and Multi-Party Governments	18.	Alternate Test: International Governments*
9.	Project: Forms of Government	19.	Glossary and Credits
10.	Quiz: Forms of Government		

Unit 2: History of Governments			
Assignments			
1.	A Primitive Government Primer	9.	Fascism
2.	Beginning of Democracy: Ancient Greece	10.	Nazism
3.	Ancient Roman Government	11.	Quiz: Fascism and Nazism*
4.	Quiz: A Primitive Government Primer	12.	Special Project
5.	Feudalism	13.	Test: History of Governments
6.	Project: Feudalism	14.	Alternate Test: History of Governments*
7.	Democracy	15.	Glossary and Credits
8.	Quiz: Feudalism and Democracy		

Unit 3: United States Government

Assignments

1.	U.S. Constitution	12.	Legislative Branch
2.	Bill of Rights	13.	Project: Historical Figures in U.S. Government
3.	Project: U.S. Constitution	14.	Quiz: Branches of Government*
4.	States' Rights and Responsibilities	15.	Introducing a Bill to Congress
5.	U.S. Government: The Economy	16.	How a Bill Becomes Law
6.	U.S. Government: Technology	17.	Quiz: How a Bill Becomes Law*
7.	Project: U.S. Government Relationships	18.	Special Project*
8.	Quiz: United States Government	19.	Test: United States Government
9.	Executive Branch	20.	Alternate Test: United States Government
10.	Judicial Branch	21.	Glossary and Credits
11.	Project: Supreme Court		

Unit 4: The American Party System

Assignments

1.	The American Party System	11.	Voting in Elections
2.	Development of American Political Parties	12.	Project: Voting Issues
3.	Republican and Third Parties	13.	Making Voting More Effective
4.	Project: The American Party System	14.	Project: Elections and Voting*
5.	Quiz: The American Party System	15.	Quiz: Voting
6.	How Do You Form a Political Party?	16.	Special Project*
7.	Organization of Political Parties	17.	Test: The American Party System
8.	Nominations and Elections	18.	Alternate Test: The American Party System*
9.	Project: Political Party Activities	19.	Glossary and Credits
10.	Quiz: Political Parties		

Unit 5: The Citizen and His Government

Assignments

1.	Citizenship and American Culture	10.	The Citizen and the Media
2.	Analyzing Text Features in Public Documents	11.	The Use of Propaganda
3.	Discrimination and the Citizen	12.	Project: Government*
4.	Project: Landmark Legislation and Rulings	13.	Quiz: Attitudes and Public Polls
5.	Attitudes in Society	14.	Special Project*
6.	Participating in the Political Process	15.	Test: The Citizen and His Government
7.	Project: The Citizen and His Government	16.	Alternate Test: The Citizen and His Government*
8.	Quiz: The Citizen and Government	17.	Glossary and Credits
9.	The Citizen and Public Opinion		

Unit 6: Course Review and Exam

Assignments

1.	Review	3.	Alternate Exam: Government- Form A*
2.	Exam: Government	4.	Alternate Exam: Government- Form B*

(*) Indicates alternative assignment