

## Government

Government focuses on American and international governments. Students will learn about the history of governments, the characteristics of the United States government, political parties, and voting. These areas of focus target two major content strands: History, and Government and Citizenship.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Understand the basics of various philosophies of government.
- Understand the structure and functions of government and how the principles and values of American democracy (e.g., limited government and popular sovereignty) are reflected in American constitutional government.
- Understand how the overall design, as well as specific features of the U.S. Constitution, prevent the abuse of power by using a system of checks and balances (e.g., federalism).
- Understand the role of political parties, the media, and the public on the political process.

Additionally, students will gain practice in writing essays and reports, covering topics like elected officials and the Supreme Court.

Unit 1: International Governments		
Assignments		
Government	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		
Government	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		
Government	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		
Government	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		
Government	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		
Gov.	1. Review	3. Alternate Exam: Government- Form A*
	2. Exam: Government	4. Alternate Exam: Government- Form B*