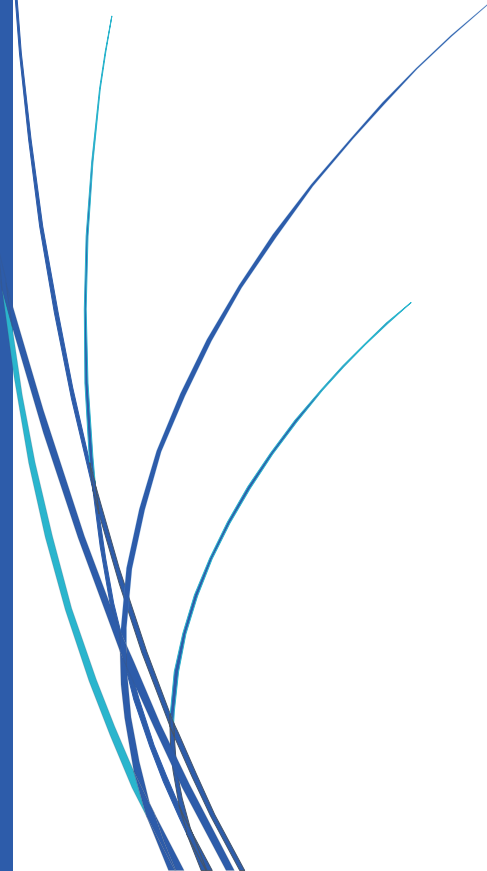




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# CALVERT HOMESCHOOL™ CURRICULUM CATALOG

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

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

| Unit 3: United States Government |   |  |
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| 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 |  |  |
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| 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 |  |   |
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| 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 |  |
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| Assignments                    |  |
| 1. Review                      | 3. Alternate Exam: Government- Form A* |
| 2. Exam: Government            | 4. Alternate Exam: Government- Form B* |

(\* ) Indicates alternative assignment