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Curriculum Catalog

Civics

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Civics Course Overview

In this five-section elective, high-school students will learn about the rights and responsibilities of being an American citizen. By studying different forms of government, students will investigate what motivated America's founding fathers as they drafted the U.S. Constitution. Students will also learn about the branches of the U.S. government as laid out in the Constitution and about the structure of state and local governments. In each unit, students will complete an in-depth project related to that unit's topic.

Through this course, students will do the following:

- Understand the definition of government and explain its role in the life of the citizen.
- Explore why politics takes place any time a group of individuals is gathered together.
- Understand the differences and relationships between civic life, political life, and private life.
- Analyze the influence of the federal government on the American economy.
- Analyze the elements of America's market economy in a global setting.

Unit 1: A New Nation		
Assignments		
Civics	1. Course Overview	16. Civil Society and Government
	2. The Distinctions Among Civic, Political, and Private Life	17. Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom
	3. The Necessity of Politics and Government	18. Liberalism, Republicanism, and American Constitutional Republic
	4. The Purpose of Politics and Government	19. Project: Conflict of Interest
	5. Quiz 1	20. Quiz 3
	6. Why Independence	21. Unitary, Confederal, or Federal?
	7. Natural Rights	22. Nature of Representation
	8. Given Rights	23. Fundamental Values and Principles
	9. The Role of Religion	24. The Great Compromise
	10. The Protestant Reformation	25. Quiz 4
	11. Babylonian Monarchy, Greek Democracy, Roman Republic	26. Special Project*
	12. Quiz 2	27. Test
	13. Forms of Government	28. Alternate Test*
	14. Religious and Political Freedom	29. Reference
	15. Limits in Government	

Unit 2: The Constitution		
Assignments		
Civics	1. Federalists and Anti-Federalists	10. Separation of Powers/Checks and Balances
	2. Project: Compare Bill of Rights	11. Quiz 2
	3. As Good As it Gets	12. The Ability to Change
	4. The Peaceful Transfer of Power	13. The Bill of Rights: Protection
	5. Quiz 1	14. The Bill of Rights: Interpretation
	6. Introduction to Constitutional Government	15. Quiz 3
	7. Constitutional Law in the United States Federal Government	16. Special Project*
	8. The Preamble	17. Test
	9. Project: A Limited Government	18. Alternate Test*
	19. Reference	

Unit 3: Branches of Government		
Assignments		
Civics	1. Presidential Power	12. Quiz 2
	2. Electing a President	13. Organization of the Judicial Branch
	3. Case Study: The Election of 1824	14. The Role of the Supreme Court
	4. The Federal Bureaucracy	15. Judicial Activism vs. Judicial Restraint
	5. Project: Limits on Presidential Power	16. Making a More Perfect Union
	6. Quiz 1	17. Quiz 3
	7. A Two-House System	18. Special Project*
	8. Committees in Action	19. Test
	9. Project: Your Home Legislators*	20. Alternate Test*
	10. How a Bill Becomes a Law	21. Reference
	11. Impeachment	

Unit 4: Government by the People		
Assignments		
Civics	1. State Branches	17. Case Study: Prohibition
	2. Local Government: Types and Functions	18. Civic Responsibility
	3. Financing Government through Taxation	19. Becoming a Citizen
	4. Case Study: Integration of Schools	20. Quiz 3
	5. Direct Democracy	21. Diversity and the Character of American Society
	6. Quiz 1	22. Project: Constitutional Values and Principles
	7. Why Political Parties?	23. Voluntarism and Organized Groups
	8. Parties and Primaries	24. American Political Conflict
	9. Politics and Media	25. Conflicts of Values
	10. Districts, Special Interests, and Funding	26. Disparities between Ideals and Reality
	11. Public Policy and Public Agenda	27. Quiz 4
	12. Project: Your Politics*	28. Special Project*
	13. Quiz 2	29. Test
	14. Your Rights	30. Alternate Test*
	15. Project: Limits of Freedom	31. Reference
	16. Citizens in Action	

Unit 5: Relationship to the World		
Assignments		
Civics	1. Government and Economics	15. Quiz 2
	2. Project: Economics of a New Business	16. Economic and Humanitarian Concerns
	3. International Economics	17. Political Concerns
	4. Case Study: The Middle East	18. Historical Context of Foreign Policy
	5. Project: Environmental Politics	19. Making and Implementing Foreign Policy
	6. Quiz 1	20. Means and Ends of Foreign Policy
	7. Types of Economic Systems	21. Impact of Democracy and Individual Rights on the World
	8. Communism	22. International Organizations
	9. Fascism	23. Quiz 3
	10. Project: The Jewish Holocaust	24. Special Project*
	11. American Capitalism	25. Test
	12. Personal, Political, and Economic Rights	26. Alternate Test*
	13. Geography, Politics, and Economics of Governments	27. Reference
	14. Project: New Governments	

(*) Indicates alternative assignment