

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

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

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

Unit 6: Course Review and Exam	
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	1. Review
	2. Exam: Government
	3. Alternate Exam: Government- Form A*
	4. Alternate Exam: Government- Form B*