

U.S. Government Curriculum Map

Month	Essential Questions/ Learning Objective	Vocabulary	Assessment	Standard
<i>The Origins of Gov.</i>				
August-September	Explain how the principles of enumerated powers, federalism, separation of powers, bicameralism, checks and balances, republicanism, rule of law, individual rights, unalienable rights, separation of church and state, and popular sovereignty serve to limit the power of government	Democracy Autocracy Republic Monarchy Oligarchy Communism Socialism Politics Unitary System Federal System Free Enterprise	Pre-Test Type 1's Type 2's Socratic Method Graphic Org. Post-Test	1.1 1.2 2.1 2.2 K1 P1 P2
<i>The Constitution</i>				
	Analyze the purposes, organization, functions, and processes of the legislative branch as enumerated in Article I of the Constitution Analyze the purposes, organization, functions, and processes of the executive branch as enumerated in Article II of the Constitution. Analyze the purposes, organization, functions, and processes of the judicial branch as enumerated in Article III of the Constitution	Preamble Articles Sections Clause Amendments Constitutional Convention Article I,II,III Bill of Rights English Bill of Rights Magna Carta Mayflower Compact Enumerated Powers Implied Powers	Pre-Test Type 1's Type 2's Socratic Method Graphic Org. Post-Test	3.2 3.4 K1 P1 P2

Legislative Branch				
September-October	Describe the origin and the evolution of political parties and their influence. Evaluate the actual influence of public opinion on public policy. Identify and explain the roles of various associations and groups in American politics (e.g., political organizations, political action committees, interest groups, voluntary and civic associations, professional organizations, unions, and religious groups).	House Senate Filibuster Cloture Veto Bill Override Impeachment Committees Majority Minority Whip President Pro Tem Speaker Political Action Committee Interest Groups Lobbying	Pre-Test Type 1's Type 2's Socratic Method Graphic Org. Post-Test	3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4 3.5 6.2 K1 P1 P2 P4
Executive Branch				
November-December	Describe the process by which United States foreign policy is made, including the powers the Constitution gives to the president. Explain the significance of campaigns and elections in American politics, current criticisms of campaigns, and proposals for their reform.	President Vice President Cabinet Executive Order EOP Order of Succession Veto Commander in Chief Chief Diplomat Chief Executive Chief Economist Chief Legislator Party Chief Bureaocracy	Pre-Test Type 1's Type 2's Socratic Method Graphic Org. Post-Test	4.1 4.2 6.1 6.2 K1 P1 P2 P4

<i>Election Cycle</i>				
November	Describe the importance of citizens' civic responsibilities including obeying the law, being informed and attentive to public issues, monitoring political leaders and governmental agencies, assuming leadership when appropriate, paying taxes, registering to vote and voting knowledgeably on candidates and issues. Participate in a real or simulated election, and evaluate the results, including the impact of voter turnout and demographics	Electoral College Popular Vote Ticket Political Party Platform Elector PAC Soft money FEC Suffrage 15th Amendment Grandfather Clause Literacy Test Poll Tax Suffrage Disenfranchisement 26th Amendment Gerrymandering Voting District Precinct Ward Polling Place Straw Poll Caucus Convention	Pre-Test Type 1's Type 2's Socratic Method Graphic Org. Mock Election Post-Test	5.1 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.5 6.1 6.2 K1 P1 P2 P4
<i>Judicial Branch</i>				
January	Explain why the rule of law has a central place in American society. Analyze the various levels and responsibilities of courts in the federal and state judicial system and explain the relationships among them. Explain the meaning and importance of equal protection of the law. Use court cases to explain how the Constitution is maintained as the supreme law of the land.	Supreme Court Chief Justice Justice Lower Courts Circuit Appeal Jury Grand Jury 5th Amendment Writ of Certiorari Writ Opinion Jurisdiction Original Jurisdiction Concurrent Jurisdiction Appellate Jurisdiction	Pre-Test Type 1's Type 2's Socratic Method Graphic Org. Post-Test	3.2 K1 P1 P2

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