

Civics and Government (Part I)

Types of Governments

Describe the features of oligarchies and autocracies.

Explore the advantages and disadvantages of different types of democracy.

Identify the differences between federal, confederal, and unitary systems of government.

The Enlightenment

Describe the goals of the Enlightenment.

Identify Enlightenment ideas that created a new understanding of the role of government and the rights of citizens.

Introduction to Government

Describe the purposes and functions of government.

Explain the roles and responsibilities of citizenship.

Identify different structures of government.

Constitution Fundamentals

Compare elements of the US Constitution to those of other nations.

Describe the principles found in the Constitution that make it unique.

Identify the Constitution as the supreme law of the land.

Concepts of Democracy

Analyze the benefits of a democratic government.

Describe the difference between a republic and a democracy.

Identify different types of democracies.

Structure and Principles

Describe how the founders hoped to prevent any one branch of government from gaining too much power.

Identify the basic structure of the Constitution.

Structure of the Constitution

Analyze the system of checks and balances.

Describe the structure of the Constitution.

Explain separation of powers and the functions of each branch of government.

Principles and the Preamble

Analyze the purposes and functions of the government as stated in the Preamble.

Explain what the Constitution specifies about the role and structure of government.

Your Rights: Freedom of Religion

Analyze Court decisions concerning the First Amendment's establishment clause.

Describe the purpose and language of the First Amendment.

Your Rights: Freedom of Expression

Define the political rights of freedom of speech, press, and assembly.

Explain the limits placed on First Amendment rights and the reasons why these limits are in place.



Your Rights: Due Process

Analyze Supreme Court interpretations of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments.

Describe the rights of the accused as found in the Fourth and Fifth Amendments.

Federalism in the Constitution

Define the role and purpose of federalism.

Differentiate between types of state and federal powers.

Article I: Congress

Analyze the role of the Necessary and Proper Clause in establishing implied powers for Congress.

Describe the structure of Congress as organized by Article I of the Constitution.

Identify the expressed powers of Congress.

Article II: The Presidency

Analyze the powers and duties of the President.

Describe the structure of the executive branch as outlined by Article II of the Constitution.

Article III: The Courts

Analyze the powers given to the judicial branch.

Identify the structure of the judicial branch created by Article III of the Constitution.

Civics and Government (Part II)

The Presidency and Its Powers

Describe the president's duties and roles.

Discuss the president's powers and how they have been challenged or changed over time.

Identify the structure and purpose of the office of president.

National vs. State Government

Analyze the benefits of a federalist system and supremacy clause.

Describe the relationship between national and state governments.

Differentiate delegated, concurrent, and reserved powers.

Examine the elements of state constitutions.

Identify the principles of the federal system.

Article IV-VII: The Role of the Constitution

Describe the process of amending the Constitution.

Describe the process of ratification.

Examine the meaning of the Supremacy Clause.

Identify the powers and requirements given to the states by Article IV.

Amending the Constitution

Describe how interpretation has led to changing the meaning of the Constitution.

Explain the process of amending the Constitution.

Identify methods used for interpreting the Constitution.



Unit Lesson Descrives

The Federal Bureaucracy

Describe the role of independent agencies in the executive branch.

Explain the functions and duties of executive departments.

Identify the role of the cabinet in leading the executive bureaucracy.

The Bill of Rights

Describe the purpose of each of the ten amendments in the Bill of Rights.

Explain how the Bill of Rights establishes civil liberties.

Citizen Rights

Distinguish between a privilege and a right.

Identify unalienable rights and give examples.

Outline the limitations on citizen rights.

Summarize the importance of the First Amendment.

Rights of the Accused

Describe the purpose of due process.

Identify the rights of the accused found in the Constitution.

Summarize the reasons why rights of the accused exist.

Political Parties

Analyze how political parties govern.

Describe the rise and transformation of political parties.

Explain how political parties are organized.

Interest Groups and Lobbying

Describe the purpose and influence of interest groups and public action committees.

Examine the function and influence of lobbyists.

Campaigns and Elections

Describe how campaigns are structured, held, and funded.

Explain the primary and election process.

Creating Public Policy

Define public policy.

Describe influences on the creation of public policy.

Identify the ways public policy is made.

United States History (Part I)

English Influences on Government

Explain how English governing documents have limited government powers.

Identify examples of how English governing documents have provided rights for citizens.

Understand how English documents have influenced our understanding of the law.



Unit Lesson Dejectives

The Declaration of Independence

Analyze the reasons for colonists' grievances against British rule.

Describe the connection between the Declaration of Independence and earlier documents that influenced it.

Explain the purpose of the Declaration of Independence and the process used to draft and ratify it.

The Constitution

Describe the distribution of power between states and the federal government.

Explain how the Constitution creates a government structure that separates powers and establishes checks and balances.

Explain the process required to amend the Constitution.

Identify the democratic rights and powers given to the people by the Constitution.

Nonviolent Protest

Describe the impact of the violent resistance faced by protestors in Birmingham.

Examine the resistance to federal desegregation and integration of universities in the South.

Explain the challenges faced by voter registration campaigns in the southern United States.

Supreme Court Decisions

Analyze the outcome of landmark cases and how they changed society.

Describe landmark cases heard by the Supreme Court.

Trace how cases make it to the Supreme Court.

Key Content Review: War of Independence

Analyze the nature of the grievances outlined in the Declaration of Independence.

Discuss the failures of the Articles of Confederation.

Explain how key battles helped bring an end to the Revolutionary War.

Explain the arguments for and against the ratification of the Constitution.

Identify the freedoms provided to all citizens by the Bill of Rights.

The War of 1812

Describe the roles played by American Indian tribes during the war.

Describe the war's major battles and the reasons for a stalemate.

Evaluate the impact of the war on the United States.

Identify the causes of the War of 1812.

Washington's Presidency

Contrast Jefferson's opinions on the interpretation of the Constitution with the opinions of the Federalists.

Describe the challenges faced by the new nation during Washington's first term.

Explain Alexander Hamilton's plan to help the nation's finances.



Expansion and Settlement

Analyze the reasons for the acquisition of the Louisiana Territory.

Describe the accomplishments of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Explain the provisions of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 and explain its impact on American expansion.

Identify reasons why the physical geography of the Old Northwest region made it attractive for settlement.

Marshall's Court

Analyze the effects of Gibbons v. Ogden on the role of the federal government in business matters.

Describe how McCulloch v. Maryland defined the powers of Congress.

Explain how Marbury v. Madison defined the powers of the Supreme Court.

A Weak Confederation

Analyze the effects of the Land Ordinance of 1785 and the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 on settlement.

Describe the provisions of the Articles of Confederation.

Explain the failure of the articles to provide an organized financial system, a stable economy, and military protection for the colonies.

Key Content Review: Manifest Destiny

Analyze how westward expansion forced American Indians off their land.

Describe how trappers, traders, and explorers opened up the American frontier to settlement.

Examine how westward expansion and Manifest Destiny created a new American spirit and identity.

Explain how the US acquired various western territories.

American Indians on a Closing Frontier

Describe at least two changes to federal American Indian policies that occurred as a result of increased western settlement.

Explain how the expansion in the West and the construction of the railroad affected American Indian populations in the region.

Identify two battles fought between American Indians and the US Army and explain the results of those conflicts.

Slavery in American Culture

Analyze the role of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in bringing awareness to the condition of the enslaved.

Describe the ways enslaved African Americans maintained their culture and traditions.

Examine the living and working conditions experienced by enslaved workers in the South.

Key Content Review: Sectionalism

Analyze the roots of the abolitionist movement and how it grew.

Describe how the debate over new territories and tariffs increased sectionalism between North and South.

Examine how the North and South developed two different economies.

Constitutional Amendments

Describe the impact of the Thirteenth Amendment on slavery and African Americans' lives.

Explain the influence of the Fourteenth Amendment on civil rights.

Identify the impact of the Fifteenth Amendment on voting rights for African Americans.



Key Content Review: Reconstruction

Analyze the reasons the Democratic Party regained control of the South at the end of Reconstruction.

Describe the period of Congressional Reconstruction, the new rights given to African Americans, and how white Southerners reacted.

Identify the challenges of Reconstruction and the disagreements about how to handle it.

The Rise of Jim Crow

Analyze the impact of the Supreme Court's decision that the Civil Rights Act of 1875 was unconstitutional.

Describe the creation of Jim Crow laws and the effects of opposition to these laws.

Examine the use of voting laws to disenfranchise African Americans and limit their rights.

Women's Rights and Suffrage

Examine the methods used by suffragists to win voting rights for women.

Explain the goals of women progressives to improve women's position in society, including those of Margaret Sanger.

Explain the role of women reformers in the early 1800s.

Identify and describe influential people and events in the women's suffrage movement from the early 1800s to the passage of the 19th amendment.

Extending Civil Rights for All Citizens

Analyze how these amendments and laws have affected and changed American society.

Describe the amendments and laws created to combat discrimination.

Trace historical laws used to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and women in the United States.

The Supreme Court and Civil Rights

Analyze the ways the Constitution protects and limits the rights and powers of both government and individuals.

Describe major Supreme Court cases involving Fourteenth Amendment Rights.

Explain how the Supreme Court has reinterpreted civil rights over time.

The Warren Court

Analyze the impact of the Warren Court's decisions on First Amendment rights.

Describe the positions taken by the Warren Court in regard to the right to privacy.

Explain how the Warren Court clarified the rights of the accused.

Identify the role of the Supreme Court in American law.

Age of Exploration

Compare and contrast the characteristics of the colonies of Spain, France, and England.

Compare and contrast the motivations for exploration and settlement of Spain, France, and England in the New World.

United States History (Part II)

Neutrality and the War in Europe

Analyze the reasons for American isolationism and neutrality at the beginning of the war.

Explain the long-term reasons for the alliances that formed in Europe prior to World War I.

Identify the short-term crises that led to World War I.



World War I Begins

Analyze the causes of World War I.

Describe the events that finally led to the declaration of war.

Explain factors that contributed to tensions among European powers.

Revolution in Russia

Analyze the causes and effects of the Russian Revolution.

Describe life in Russia under the tsars.

Explain the economic, political, and social changes made by the Communists after gaining power.

Wilson's New Freedom

Describe steps taken by the federal government to reform its monetary policies in the Progressive Era.

Explain the impact of WWI on the progressive movement, and evaluate the successes and limits of progressive reform.

Explain the provisions of Wilson's New Freedom, and identify his positions on banks, trusts, and tariffs.

Identify and describe progressive reforms supported by Wilson during his presidency.

Wilson and the War

Analyze the reasons why the US Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles and proposals to join the League of Nations.

Describe how Wilson's idealism embodied his Fourteen Points.

Describe the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles.

Identify the conflicting points of view that influenced the peace process.

America's Entry into the War

Analyze how the US moved from isolationism to active involvement as the war progressed.

Describe the events surrounding the bombing of Pearl Harbor and Americans' reactions to the attack.

Trace the early course of the war from the invasion of Poland through the end of 1941.

The Search for Peace

Discuss how war debts and reparations affected European nations after World War I.

Identify the major postwar peace initiatives.

Outline the foreign policy the United States followed after World War I.

WWII Begins

Describe the events surrounding Hitler's invasion of Russia.

Explain Hitler's strategy for fighting France and Britain.

Identify how German aggression led to war in Europe.

Fascism and Aggression

Analyze the reaction in Europe and the US toward Hitler's actions.

Describe acts of aggression committed by Germany and Japan during the 1930s.

Describe individual liberties under fascism, and explain the differences between democratic and totalitarian forms of government.

Explain the challenges facing Germany following World War I, and evaluate the effects of Hitler's rise to power.



Unit Lesson Dejectives

War Crimes and the Holocaust

Analyze the global community's response to the Holocaust.

Describe the effects of the Holocaust, and identify the diverse groups of people targeted by Nazi Germany.

Trace the development of Nazi anti-Semitic policies.

Internment and the Constitution

Describe the provisions of Korematsu v. US and explain why the Supreme Court upheld the legality of Japanese internment.

Explain the effects of Executive Order 9066 and internment on Japanese Americans and other minority groups during the war.

Identify the achievements of all-minority military units, including the Tuskegee Airmen, the Navajo Code Talkers, and Nisei regiments.

Challenges of Independence in Asia

Describe how the Philippines gained its independence from the United States.

Explain how European colonies in southeast Asia gained independence.

Explain success and challenges facing former colonies in Southeast Asia.

Truman's Fair Deal

Analyze the impact of changes to the military and government structure during the Truman presidency.

Describe the components of Truman's domestic policies, including the Fair Deal.

Describe Truman's surprise reelection in 1948.

Explain the conflict between the Truman administration and Congress over post-war labor policy.

New Economic Theories

Describe the principles of capitalism as defined by Adam Smith.

Explain how problems arising from industrialization led to new economic theories.

Explain the principles of socialism and communism.

Treaties and Blocs

Analyze the reasons for the creation of NATO and the Warsaw Pact.

Describe the reasons for and effect of the Marshall Plan.

Explain how the US and its allies responded to the Berlin blockade.

Brinkmanship in the Cold War

Describe how the policy of containment led to increased American involvement in Vietnam.

Identify and describe at least two effects of the arms race between the United States and the USSR.

Identify and explain at least two effects of the Sputnik launch in the United States.

Origins of the Cold War

Analyze the importance of the Berlin blockade in the growth of the Cold War.

Explain how the policy of containment was reflected in the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan.

Identify events that led to the division of Europe into eastern and western blocs.



An Iron Curtain

Describe the purpose of the Truman Doctrine, and explain its connection to the policy of containment.

Explain how the Soviets expanded their control over Eastern Europe.

Explain the opposing postwar goals of the US and the USSR that led to the Cold War.

Identify the purpose and postwar role of the United Nations.

The Cold War

Describe the origins of the United Nations.

Explain how decisions made at the end of the war, and the post-war goals of the United States and USSR, contributed to the Cold War.

Identify and describe actions taken by the United States to contain communism in Europe.

Johnson's Great Society

Describe the steps taken by Johnson to help the country transition after the Kennedy assassination.

Evaluate the successes and controversies created by Great Society programs.

Identify the main components of Johnson's Great Society plan for America.

Nixon and Watergate

Analyze the constitutional issues that arose from the Watergate scandal.

Describe the presidency of Gerald Ford.

Evaluate Nixon's foreign and domestic policies.

The End of the Cold War

Describe the significance of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Examine the role of the Bush administration and Gorbachev's reforms in the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Explain the ongoing role of communism in China and Cuba.

Foreign Policy

Describe how foreign policy is created and the factors influencing its creation.

Examine the role and influence of international governmental and nongovernmental organizations.

Identify the ways foreign policy is implemented and its impact.

Economics (Part I)

Economic Policy

Describe the economic goals of governments.

Explain how policies are formed and created.

Identify the types of economic policies that are created by governments.

Adam Smith and the US Economy

Discuss the ideas behind a laissez-faire government approach to the economy.

Examine Adam Smith's concept of the "invisible hand" of the marketplace.

Explain the importance of specialization, self-interest, competition, and economic freedom in a market economy.

Identify the importance of Adam Smith to the American economic system.



Unit Lesson Descrives

Economic Systems

Compare types of governments and the economic markets that thrive within them.

Describe major types of economic markets.

Explain the role that economic markets play in citizens' daily lives.

Elasticity and Incentives

Analyze how price floors and price ceilings are determined.

Define elasticity and its influence on consumer behavior.

Identify incentives for consumers and producers within the market.

Market Structures and Competition

Analyze the impact of monopolistic and pure competition within the market.

Define monopolies and their impact on the market.

Explain how oligopolies function.

Factors of Production

Describe the factors of production.

Discuss the impact of the factors of production on an economy.

Explain the difference between goods and services.

Summarize how governments, businesses, and consumers make choices about goods and services based on the availability of resources.

Opportunity Cost

Analyze production possibility schedules and production possibility curves.

Define opportunity cost and its role within the market.

Profit

Analyze how profits can be maximized.

Compare marginal cost and marginal revenue.

Explain the difference between profit and revenue.

Business Types and Entrepreneurs

Differentiate corporations operating for profit and those that are nonprofit.

Discuss the risks and rewards of entrepreneurship.

Investigate the three major types of business organizations.

Comparative and Absolute Advantage

Analyze how understanding absolute and comparative advantage helps producers.

Determine when a producer has the comparative advantage.

Understand when a producer has the absolute advantage.



Global Economic Sectors and Systems

Compare the roles of formal and informal sectors in relation to a country's economy.

Examine the relationship between comparative advantage and specialization.

Identify the four main economic systems.

Investigate the five economic sectors.

Technology and Economics

Analyze how technology has changed economic problem solving and planning.

Describe how changing technology has influenced production and consumption.

International Interdependence

Discuss the role of technology and how it has impacted trade and communication.

Evaluate the pros and cons of globalization.

Explain the role of resources on economic interdependence.

The Law of Demand

Discover the law of demand.

Explain what factors influence changes in demand.

Explore changes in demand.

The Law of Supply

Analyze ways to measure changes in supply.

Define the law of supply.

Describe the factors that influence supply.

Determining Market Price

Analyze how excess supply and excess demand can be caused by disequilibrium.

Explain how market equilibrium is achieved.

The Economic Way of Thinking

Apply thinking at the margin to a given decision.

Describe the difference between the cost and the consequence of a decision.

Discuss the concepts of economizing, trade-offs, and thinking at the margin.

Explain what is meant by the opportunity cost of a decision.

Economics (Part II)

Private Financial Institutions

Discuss the history of US banking.

Examine the similarities and differences between commercial banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, and finance companies.

Explain what a bank is and how a bank makes a profit.



Fiscal Policy

Analyze the government's main sources of expenditure.

Describe the main sources of government funding on the federal, state, and local levels.

Identify the purpose of taxation and its relation to public policy.

Monetary Policy: The Federal Reserve

Describe the tools used by the Federal Reserve to influence the money supply.

Explain the role of the Federal Reserve in the economy.

Identify the goals of monetary policy.

Regulatory Policy

Describe how regulatory agencies institute safety.

Explain how regulatory agencies uphold fair business practices.

Explain why government regulation is necessary in a mixed-market economy.

Investing and Financial Markets

Describe common types of investments.

Explain the risks and returns involved in making investments.

Understand how financial markets reflect economic growth.

The Business Cycle

Analyze the role of the business cycle within the market.

Compare the four stages of the business cycle.

Examine factors that influence the business cycle.

Inflation and Stagflation

Analyze historical examples of inflation and stagflation.

Compare and contrast inflation and stagflation.

Describe the effects of inflation on the economy.

Explain the causes and effects of inflation and stagflation.

Economic Growth

Analyze ways to influence economic growth.

Describe unemployment rates and types of unemployment.

Explain how gross domestic product can be used to analyze economic growth.

Trade Barriers

Explain how trade barriers create financial incentives for countries to invest domestically.

Explain how trade barriers create limitations on imports through embargoes, standards, and quotas.



Credit and Interest

Compare the advantages and disadvantages of using credit with those of using cash.

Define credit and interest.

Explain the purpose of interest and its role in the repayment of debt.

Explore different types of consumer credit, including credit cards.

Personal Finances

Describe the purpose and methods of saving and how financial institutions encourage saving.

Discuss the purpose of investing, types of investments, and how risk and return affect investment choices.

Examine the process of creating a personal budget.

Explain compound interest.

Consumer Rights

Assess the impact of consumer movements.

Explain the rights of the consumer under consumer protection laws.

Identify agencies that deal with concerns of the consumer.

The Economic Impact of Slavery

Compare and contrast the economic systems in the North and the South.

Examine the impact of technological innovations on the expansion of slavery.

Identify the role of slavery in the society and economy of the South.

Global Economic Crisis

Analyze the global effects of the Great Depression.

Explain how countries around the world responded to the Great Depression.

Identify the economic changes that occurred in the United States and Europe after World War I.

Colonialism in Africa, Asia, and the Americas

Analyze the effects of the scramble for Africa on the people and economies of the continent.

Compare and contrast European colonialism in Africa, Asia, and the Americas.

Compare and contrast the colonial systems of Spain, England, and France in the New World.

Identify key trade goods that encouraged colonialism in Asia.

The Scientific Revolution

Describe the causes and effects of the scientific revolution.

Explain how scientific thought changed from ancient times through the scientific revolution.

Identify the achievements and contributions of scientific thinkers during the scientific revolution.

The Industrial Age

Analyze why the Industrial Revolution began in England.

Examine how the Industrial Revolution led to improvements in transportation.

Explain the impact of the agricultural and industrial revolutions on society.



Geography

Ancient Civilizations: Classical Greece

Examine the forms of government used in classical Greek city-states.

Explore the culture of classical Greek city-states.

Investigate the Golden Age of Athens and the fall of the Greek city-states.

Ancient Civilizations: The Roman Empire

Analyze the reasons for the decline of the Roman Empire.

Evaluate the legacy of Roman culture.

Explain the transition from the Roman Republic to the Roman Empire.

History of South Asia: Early Indian Empires

Analyze the scientific and intellectual contributions of the Gupta Empire.

Describe the arrival of Islam and the rule of the Mughal Empire.

Describe the history of the Mauryan Empire and the spread of Buddhism.

Ancient Civilizations: Chinese Dynasties

Describe the rise of the Qin dynasty, and identify its achievements.

Examine the achievements of the Han dynasty.

Trace the development of Confucianism, and explain its importance to the Chinese government.

Changing Geography: Creating the Nation-State

Analyze the development of the nation-state, including factors, challenges, and incentives for creation.

Examine the role of growing nationalism on the nation-state.

Identify the major concepts behind the nation-state.

Resources, Energy, and Sustainability

Describe renewable forms of energy and new technologies that will impact energy in the future.

Examine actions taken by governments and individuals to protect the environment.

Identify ways that humans manage and protect resources for the future.

Revolutions in Technology

Analyze the effects of inventions, innovations, and improved technology on industrialization.

Identify how energy is essential to industrialization.

Identify how technology is essential to industrialization.

What Are Natural Resources?

Explain how fossil fuels are formed.

Explain how natural resources are produced.

Explain how resource availability is limited by rates of use and renewal.

Skills used: Making predictions, compare and contrast, researching with technology, making logical connections.



Unit Lesson Dejectives

Human Impact on the Environment

Describe environmental problems caused by human activities.

Explain the benefits humans receive from modifying the environment.

Identify the ways in which human activities have changed the environment.

Understanding Geography

Explore the six essential elements of geography.

Identify ways that geographers use the six essential elements of geography to interpret our world.

Earth's Biomes

Describe the plant and animal life found in each biome.

Explore the Earth's biomes and identify their locations.

Understand why the Earth's surface is divided into different biomes.

Cultural Differences

Distinguish between race and ethnicity.

Examine the differences and similarities between major world religions.

Locate and categorize major language groups.

Working with Maps and Data in Geography

Differentiate among the most commonly used map projections.

Identify different types of maps, including climate, physical, and political, and identify their purposes.

Use coordinates of latitude and longitude to determine location.

Movement: Migration

Contrast forced and voluntary migrations.

Differentiate between forms of human movement, including migration, cyclic movement, and periodic movement.

Evaluate reasons for voluntary and domestic migration.

Examine reasons for historical forced migrations.

Exploring Culture: Concepts of Culture

Differentiate between types of cultures, including popular culture, subculture, and local culture.

Examine the relationship between the environment and culture.

Identify the main components of culture.

Recognizing Population Patterns and Historical Trends

Examine historical patterns of human migration.

Explore historical trends of population distribution.

Identify global population distribution and reasons why it is concentrated in some areas and not in others.

Land Use: Settlement Patterns

Differentiate among urban and rural environments and explore their connections.

Summarize the Von Thunen model of land use and its application today.