

TX-US Government		Scope and Sequence
Unit	Lesson	Objectives
Introduction to United States Government		
Types of Governments		
		Identify the differences between federal, confederal, and unitary systems of government.
		Describe the features of autocracies, oligarchies, theocracies, and communism.
		Explore the advantages and disadvantages of different types of democracy.
The Origins of Democracy		
		Explore the influence of the structure of the Athenian democracy and the Roman republic.
		Explain the effect of Judeo-Christian laws and ideals on principles of government.
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.
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.
The Declaration of Independence		
		Examine early colonial events that led to the need for a declaration.
		Identify the key principles contained in the Declaration of Independence.
		Analyze the actions taken by the Declaration of Independence.
The Need for a Constitution		
		Identify the reasons for the creation of the Articles of Confederation.

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		Explain the powers granted by the Articles of the Confederation to the states and to the federal government.
		Analyze the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation and its role in leading to the drafting of the US Constitution.
	Drafting the Constitution	
		Describe the key differences between states that led to debate during the Constitutional Convention.
		Explain how the Great Compromise negotiated a plan for representation in Congress.
		Analyze the effects of the Three-Fifths Compromise in ending the ratification debates over slavery.
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The Constitution		
	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.
	Federalism in the Constitution	
		Define the role and purpose of federalism.
		Differentiate between types of state and federal powers.
	Article I: Congress	
		Describe the structure of Congress as organized by Article I of the Constitution.
		Identify the expressed powers of Congress.
		Analyze the role of the Necessary and Proper Clause in establishing implied powers for Congress.
	Article II: The Presidency	
		Describe the structure of the executive branch as outlined by Article II of the Constitution.
		Analyze the powers and duties of the President.

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	Article III: The Courts	<p>Identify the structure of the judicial branch created by Article III of the Constitution.</p> <p>Analyze the powers given to the judicial branch.</p>
	Article IV-VII: The Role of the Constitution	<p>Identify the powers and requirements given to the states by Article IV.</p> <p>Describe the process of amending the Constitution.</p> <p>Examine the meaning of the Supremacy Clause.</p> <p>Describe the process of ratification.</p>
	Federalists and Anti-Federalists	<p>Identify Anti-Federalist objections to the Constitution.</p> <p>Explain the reasons for Federalist support of ratification.</p>
	The Supreme Court and the Role of Government	<p>Explain how Marbury v. Madison established the principle of judicial review.</p> <p>Describe how McCulloch v. Maryland affected the powers of the federal government.</p> <p>Analyze how Gibbons v. Ogden expanded the idea of federal supremacy.</p>
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Civil Rights and Liberties		
	The Bill of Rights	<p>Explain how the Bill of Rights establishes civil liberties.</p> <p>Describe the purpose of each of the ten amendments in the Bill of Rights.</p>
	Your Rights: Freedom of Religion	<p>Describe the purpose and language of the First Amendment.</p>

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		Analyze Supreme Court decisions concerning the First Amendment's Establishment Clause and Free-Exercise Clause.
	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	
		Describe the rights of the accused as found in the Fourth and Fifth Amendments.
		Analyze Supreme Court interpretations of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments.
	Your Rights: Trials and Punishments	
		Identify the rights of the accused as defined by the Sixth and Eighth Amendments.
		Analyze how Supreme Court decisions created new interpretations of the Sixth and Eighth Amendments.
	Your Rights: Personal Privacy	
		Define an individual's right to privacy and the limits to that right.
		Explain how the Ninth Amendment guarantees the unenumerated rights of the people.
		Analyze the effects of major Supreme Court cases related to privacy rights.
	The Fourteenth Amendment	
		Describe the civil rights protections created by the Fourteenth Amendment.
		Analyze the importance of the Fourteenth Amendment in incorporating the Bill of Rights.
	The Supreme Court and Civil Rights	
		Describe major Supreme Court cases involving Fourteenth Amendment Rights.
		Explain how the Supreme Court has reinterpreted civil rights over time.
		Analyze the ways the Constitution protects and limits the rights and powers of both government and individuals.

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	Extending Voting Rights	
		Explain how the Fifteenth Amendment extended voting rights to African Americans.
		Examine the effects of the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act of the 1960s.
		Summarize the contents of the Nineteenth and Twenty-Sixth Amendments.
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Government Institutions		
	The House of Representatives	
		Describe the structure of the House of Representatives.
		Explain the function of the House of Representatives and what its members do.
		List the powers granted to the House of Representatives and the limits to those powers.
	The Senate	
		Describe the structure of the Senate.
		Explain the function of the Senate and what its members do.
		List the powers granted to the Senate and the limits to those powers.
	The Presidency and Its Powers	
		Identify the structure and purpose of the office of president.
		Describe the president's duties and roles.
		Discuss the president's powers and how they have been challenged or changed over time.
	Significant Contributors to US Government and Politics	
		Describe the contributions of US leaders to government and politics.
	The Federal Bureaucracy	

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		Identify the role of the cabinet in leading the executive bureaucracy.
		Explain the functions and duties of executive departments.
		Describe the role of independent agencies in the executive branch.
	Writing Workshop: Researching an Agency	
		Create an outline in response to an informative essay prompt.
		Write a draft of an informative essay about a federal agency.
		Revise and finalize an informative essay.
	The Judicial Branch	
		Explain the basics of the legal process.
		Describe the organization of the federal and state court systems.
	The Criminal Justice Process	
		Identify types of crimes.
		Explain the steps in the criminal justice process.
		Analyze the consequences of crime on perpetrators, victims, and communities.
	State Government	
		Describe how state governments can be structured.
		List the functions and duties of state governments.
	Local Government	
		Describe how local governments can be structured.

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		Analyze the function and roles of local governments.
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Civics and Participation		
	A Citizen's Responsibilities	
		Define citizen and the different types of citizenship status.
		List the qualities of a model citizen.
		Describe the requirements and responsibilities of citizens.
	Preparing for the USCIS Civics Test	
		Prepare for the USCIS civics test.
	Political Parties	
		Explain how political parties are organized.
		Analyze how political parties govern.
		Describe the rise and transformation of political parties.
	Campaigns and Elections	
		Describe how campaigns are structured, held, and funded.
		Explain the primary and election process.
	Voting	
		Describe the process of voting.
		Explain issues surrounding the creation of voting districts.

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		Analyze voter turnout trends.
	Interest Groups and Lobbying	
		Describe the purpose and influence of interest groups and public action committees.
		Examine the function and influence of lobbyists.
	The Media and Politics	
		Describe the ways media sources influence elections and the creation of policy.
		Examine the ways politicians use the media to communicate a message.
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Public Policy		
	Creating Public Policy	
		Define public policy.
		Identify the ways public policy is made.
		Describe influences on the creation of public policy.
	Fiscal Policy	
		Identify the purpose of taxation and its relation to public policy.
		Describe the main sources of government funding on the federal, state, and local levels.
		Analyze the government's main sources of expenditure.
	The Government's Budget	
		Contrast how taxation occurs at national, state, and local levels.
		Identify the major revenue and expenditure categories.

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		Describe the process of adopting a government budget.
	Regulatory Policy	
		Explain why governments establish regulatory policy.
		Distinguish between regulatory policy actions that establish financial and safety regulations.
		Identify government agencies that create regulatory policy.
	Addressing Public Health Concerns	
		Analyze examples of public health policy.
		Explain how people can influence public health policy.
		Evaluate how evidence is used to create public health policy.
	Foreign Policy	
		Describe how foreign policy is created and the factors influencing its creation.
		Identify the ways foreign policy is implemented and its impact.
		Examine the role and influence of international governmental and nongovernmental organizations.
	National Security Policy	
		Describe factors that influence national security.
		Describe national security concerns that influence foreign policy.
		Describe national security concerns that influence domestic policy.
	Global Economic Policy	
		Describe economic foreign policy and why it is necessary.
		Examine the use of trade agreements, tariffs, sanctions, and aid in implementing policy.
	Into the Information Age	
		Describe modern advancements in technology.

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		Explain the effects of new technology on the economy.
		Evaluate how new technology affects politics.
		Identify the social impacts of new technology.
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	Cumulative Exam	
	Cumulative Exam Review	
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