

World History Syllabus - 2024-2025

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Classroom: 122

Course Overview

This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the principles and structures of government, particularly focusing on the United States government. Students will explore the Constitution, the roles and responsibilities of government officials, and the rights and responsibilities of citizens. The course will emphasize the importance of civic engagement and the impact of government decisions on society.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the structure and functions of the U.S. government at the federal, state, and local levels.
- Analyze the U.S. Constitution and its amendments.
- Evaluate the roles of the three branches of government and their interactions.
- Understand the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens.
- Develop informed opinions on current political issues and participate in civic discussions.

Materials

- **Textbook**
- **Supplementary Readings:** Provided as needed.
- **Supplies:** Notebook, writing utensils, highlighters, and access to a computer or tablet for research and assignments.

Grading Breakdown

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- **Daily Work:** 33%
- **Quizzes and Projects:** 33%
- **Tests:** 33%

Classroom Rules

1. **Don't be a distraction.**
2. **Be respectful of your instructor, pees, and property.**
3. **Be on task and prepared.**
4. **Be Appropriate.**
5. **Be thoughtful.**

Students will have no more than 5 school days to complete any work assigned during an absentee.

Curriculum Outline

U.S. Government & Civics Curriculum Outline for 2024-2025 School Year

School Calendar Key Dates:

- **First Student Day: August 2, 2024**
 - **Midterms: December 19, 2024**
 - **Finals: May 20, 2025**
 - **Fall Break: October 7-11, 2024**
 - **Thanksgiving Break: November 27-29, 2024**
 - **Christmas Break: December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025**
 - **Spring Break: March 24-28, 2025**
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Unit One: Foundations of American Government

August 2 - September 6

Chapter 1: Origins of American Government

- **August 2 - August 16**
 - **Lesson 1: Purposes and Origins of Government**
 - **Lesson 2: Government in Colonial America**
 - **Lesson 3: Uniting for Independence**
 - **Lesson 4: The Articles of Confederation**
 - **Lesson 5: Creating the Constitution**

Chapter 2: The Constitution

- **August 19 - September 6**
 - **Lesson 1: Structure and Principles of the Constitution**
 - **Lesson 2: The Three Branches of Government**
 - **Lesson 3: Amendments**
 - **Lesson 4: State Constitutions and Local Charters**

Unit Two: The Legislative Branch

September 9 - October 18

Chapter 3: Federalism

- **September 9 - September 20**
 - **Lesson 1: Dividing and Sharing Power**
 - **Lesson 2: Relations Between the National and State Governments**
 - **Lesson 3: State Powers and Interstate Relations**
 - **Lesson 4: Differing Views About Federalism**

Chapter 4: The Structure of Congress

- **September 23 - October 4**
 - **Lesson 1: Congressional Membership**
 - **Lesson 2: The House of Representatives**
 - **Lesson 3: The Senate**
 - **Lesson 4: Congressional Committees**
 - **Lesson 5: Staff and Support Agencies**

Chapter 5: Congressional Powers

- **October 7 - October 18**
 - **Lesson 1: Constitutional Powers**
 - **Lesson 2: Investigations and Oversight**
 - **Lesson 3: Congress and the President**

Unit Three: The Executive Branch

October 21 - November 29

Chapter 6: Congress at Work

- **October 21 - November 1**
 - **Lesson 1: How a Bill Becomes a Law**
 - **Lesson 2: Taxing and Spending Bills**
 - **Lesson 3: Influencing Congress**
 - **Lesson 4: Helping Constituents**

Chapter 7: State and Local Legislative Branches

- **November 4 - November 15**
 - **Lesson 1: State Legislatures**
 - **Lesson 2: Local Legislatures**
 - **Lesson 3: State and Local Legislative Policy**

Chapter 8: The Presidency

- **November 18 - November 29**
 - **Lesson 1: Sources of Presidential Power**
 - **Lesson 2: Head of State and Chief Executive**
 - **Lesson 3: Commander in Chief and Chief Diplomat**
 - **Lesson 4: Legislative, Economic, and Party Leader**

Midterm Review and Exams

December 2 - December 19

- **Review all content from Units 1-3**
- **Midterm exams preparation and administration**

Unit Four: The Judicial Branch

January 6 - February 21

Chapter 10: Structure and Functions of the Executive Branch

- **January 6 - January 17**
 - **Lesson 1: The Cabinet and the Executive Office of the President**
 - **Lesson 2: Cabinet Departments and Independent Agencies**
 - **Lesson 3: The Federal Workforce and Civil Service**
 - **Lesson 4: The Executive Branch at Work**

Chapter 11: State and Local Executive Branches

- **January 20 - January 31**
 - **Lesson 1: Powers and Roles of State and Local Executives**
 - **Lesson 2: Choosing Governors and Mayors**
 - **Lesson 3: State and Local Executive Branches at Work**

Chapter 12: Federal and State Court Systems

- **February 3 - February 14**
 - **Lesson 1: The Judicial System in Our Democracy**
 - **Lesson 2: Trials**
 - **Lesson 3: Constitutional Rights at Trial**
 - **Lesson 4: Appeals**

Chapter 13: The Supreme Court of the United States

- **February 17 - February 21**
 - **Lesson 1: Selecting Cases at the Supreme Court**

- Lesson 2: Deciding Cases
- Lesson 3: Selecting Supreme Court Justices
- Lesson 4: Constitutional Interpretation

Unit Five: Participating in Government

February 24 - April 18

Chapter 14: Constitutional Freedoms

- **February 24 - March 7**
 - Lesson 1: Freedom of Speech
 - Lesson 2: Freedoms of Press, Assembly, and Petition
 - Lesson 3: Freedom of Religion
 - Lesson 4: The Fourteenth Amendment
 - Lesson 5: Equal Protection and Discrimination
 - Lesson 6: The Rights to Bear Arms and to Privacy

Chapter 15: Voting and Elections

- **March 10 - March 21**
 - Lesson 1: Expanding Voting Rights
 - Lesson 2: Influences on Voters
 - Lesson 3: Campaigns and Financing
 - Lesson 4: Voting and Citizenship

Chapter 16: Public Opinion and Interest Groups

- **April 1 - April 11**
 - Lesson 1: Shaping Public Opinion
 - Lesson 2: Measuring Public Opinion
 - Lesson 3: Interest Groups and Their Roles
 - Lesson 4: Affecting Public Policy

Chapter 17: Mass Media in the Digital Age

- **April 14 - April 18**
 - Lesson 1: How Media Impact Our Government
 - Lesson 2: Regulating Print and Broadcast Media
 - Lesson 3: The Internet and Democracy

Final Review and Exams

April 21 - May 20

- **Review all content from Units 4-5**

- **Final exams preparation and administration**