

# The Students of History Civics Curriculum Pacing Guide

The [Students of History](#) American Government & Civics curriculum subscription includes **lesson plans** and engaging resources for EVERY DAY of the school year! You'll know exactly how to use every resource for every day. The lessons below include student-centered activities, hands-on learning, video links, and engaging resources like interactive notebooks, digital learning materials, and more! Best of all, [when you join](#), you get immediate access to ALL of them!

## Unit 1: Introduction to Government

- Day 1 - Defining the State and Introducing the Purpose of Government
- Day 2 - Theories on How Government Began
- Day 3 - Types of Governments
- Day 4 - Characteristics of Democracy
- Day 5 - Review
- Day 6 - Assessment

## Unit 2: Foundations of American Government

- Day 1 - Athens and Rome
- Day 2 - English Documents Build Towards Democracy
- Day 3 - The Enlightenment Philosophers
- Day 4 - The Significance of Early American Documents
- Day 5 - George Mason & Thomas Jefferson's Influence on Democracy
- Day 6 - Analyzing the Declaration of Independence
- Day 7 - The Fundamentals of American Democracy Project Based Learning
- Day 8 - Review
- Day 9 - Assessment

## Unit 3: The Constitution & Federalism

- Day 1 - The Articles of Confederation
- Day 2 - The Constitutional Convention
- Day 3 - The Convention Continued
- Day 4 - Analyzing the Constitution
- Day 5 - Analyzing the Constitution Continued
- Day 6 - Amending the Constitution
- Day 7 - Federalists, Anti-Federalists, & Ratification
- Day 8 - The Bill of Rights
- Day 9 - Federalism & Shared Powers
- Day 10 - Alexander Hamilton's Role & Songs from "Hamilton the Musical"
- Day 11 - Review
- Day 12 - Assessment

## Unit 4: Political Parties & Ideology

- Day 1 - The Role of Political Parties
- Day 2 - The Political Spectrum
- Day 3 - Political Parties & Campaigning
- Day 4 - Analyzing Political Ads
- Day 5 - Selecting a Candidate
- Day 6 - Review
- Day 7 - Assessment

## Unit 5: Campaigns and Elections

- Day 1 - The Election Process
- Day 2 & 3 - Campaign Finance
- Day 4 - Understanding the Electoral College
- Day 5 - Elections & Gerrymandering
- Day 6 - The Media & "Fake News"
- Day 7 - Review
- Day 8 - Assessment

## Unit 6: The Legislative Branch

- Day 1 - Introduction to Congress
- Day 2 - Expressed & Implied Powers of Congress
- Day 3 - Congressional Committees
- Day 4 - The Budgeting Process
- Day 5 - How a Bill Becomes a Law
- Day 6 - How a Bill Becomes a Law Continued
- Day 7 - Mock Congress Introduction
- Day 8+ - 3-6 Day Mock Congress Simulation
- Day X - Review
- Day XX - Assessment

## Unit 7: The Executive Branch

- Day 1 - Overview of the President
- Day 2 - Roles of the President
- Day 3 - The Cabinet & Bureaucracy
- Day 4 - The Vice Presidency
- Day 5 - Presidential Policies and Agendas
- Day 6 - Presidential Scandals
- Day 7 - Executive Orders
- Day 8 - Review
- Day 9 - Assessment

## Unit 8: The Judicial Branch

- Day 1 - Basics of the Judicial System
- Day 2 - The Supreme Court
- Day 3 - Judicial Review
- Day 4 - Judicial Activism Vs. Restraint
- Day 5, 6, & 7 - Famous Supreme Court Cases
- Day 8 - Cyberbullying and the Law
- Day 9 - Review
- Day 10 - Assessment

## Unit 9: Civil Liberties

- Day 1 - Civil Liberties vs. Civil Rights Overview
- Day 2 - Overview of Civil Liberties
- Day 3 - Overview of Civil Rights
- Day 4 - Challenges to Civil Liberties

Day 5 - 9/11 and the Patriot Act  
Day 6 - Charlottesville and Civil Liberties  
Day 7 - Current Civil Liberties Issues  
Day 8 - Review  
Day 9 - Assessment

### **Unit 10: Foreign Policy and Comparative Government**

Day 1 - Foreign Policy Basics  
Day 2 - History of American Foreign Policies  
Day 3 - Foreign Policy Priorities  
Day 4 - Current Issues in Foreign Policy  
Day 5 – Comparative Government

Day 6 – Culture and Comparative Government  
Day 7 – International Organizations & Globalization  
Day 8 – Review  
Day 9 – Assessment

### **Unit 11: State & Local Government**

Day 1 – State Government  
Day 2 – State Commission Simulation  
Day 3 – County & Local Government  
Day 4 – My Local Government  
Day 5 – Service Learning

## **Bonus Resources**

Also included in the [curriculum](#) are a host of resources dedicated to the beginning and end of the year. For this beginning of the year, there's a syllabus and back-to-school activities for the first day and week. For the end of the year you'll get multiple final exam options, a ton of great review materials, and an end-of-year survey to help reflect on what worked best. Plus, there's also activities that can be used throughout the year like games, Project Based Learning, a Service Learning action plan, and more!

When you [join Students of History](#), you will never stress about lesson planning again. It allows you to focus on what matters most, confident that you're providing your students with the most engaging American Government curriculum available **anywhere!** Each unit is filled with:

- PowerPoints with guided notes
- Project Based Learning
- Google digital learning pages
- Hundreds of curated video links
- Interactive notebook pages
- Fun online review games
- Editable quizzes & tests
- Lesson plans with how to use each resource!

Each unit is fully planned out so you know exactly how to teach each day. Our lesson plans for middle school and high school are guaranteed to engage your classes! [Join today and energize](#) your Social Studies classroom!

