

Civics/American Government Pacing Guide

First Nine Weeks		Pre-AP Extensions	
1. Enduring Understanding: The study of Civics explores the organization and purpose of government.	1. Essential Question: Why is it important to study government?		
	C.1.CAG.1	Discuss the relevance of the study of <i>civics</i>	
	G.3.CAG.1	Explain the purposes of government	collage/poster 4 purpose
2. Enduring Understanding: A citizen is an individual with certain rights and duties under a government and who, by birth or by choice, owes allegiance to that government.	2. Essential Question: How does an individual become a citizen?		
	C.1.CAG.3	Explain what constitutes a citizen	Give a powerpoint presentation
	C.1.CAG.2	Explain the role of citizenship	
	C.1.CAG.4	Discuss the process of becoming a citizen:	Write a letter to an immigrant explaining the naturalization process
		native born (e.g., <i>jus soli</i> , <i>jus sanguinus</i>)	
		naturalization	
	C.2.CAG.2	Distinguish between rights and privileges of citizenship (e.g., voting, driving, education)	
	C.1.CAG.5	Explain and apply citizenship concepts to everyday life:	
		equality of all citizens under the law	
		worth and dignity of individuals in a democratic society	
majority rule/minority rights			
individual freedoms			
	individual rights versus public interest		

3. Essential Question: How does the ideology of government reflect how power is obtained?			
3. Enduring Understanding: Governments obtain their power from many sources.	G.3.CAG.2	Analyze how governments acquire power	
	G.4.CAG.1	Categorize the characteristics of limited and unlimited government	
	G.4.CAG.2	Compare and contrast the different types of governmental ideology	Complete a project on choosing a type of government. (research & presentation)
		dictatorship (e.g., <i>totalitarian</i> , <i>military junta</i> , despot)	
		<i>absolute monarchy</i>	
		<i>direct democracy</i>	
		<i>indirect democracy</i>	
	<i>parliamentary democracy</i>		
3. Enduring Understanding: Governments obtain their power from many sources.	C.2.CAG.1	Compare and contrast responsibilities and duties of citizenship:	poster/advertisement
		jury duty	
		taxes	
		selective service	
		compulsory education	
		obeying laws	
		being an informed citizen	
4. Essential Question: Which individuals and documents reflect the fundamental concepts of the United States Constitution?			
4. Enduring Understanding: United States constitutional government is founded on concepts articulated by early individuals and documents.	USC.5.CAG.2	Examine the contributions by the following individuals to the United States Constitution using primary source documents:	Use primary sources to research the contributions of Locke, Montesquieu, Rosseau
		John Locke	
		Baron de Montesquieu	
		Jean Jacques Rousseau	
		Founding Fathers	
	USC.5.CAG.1	Explain the importance of historical documents and events that influenced the structure and meaning of the United States Constitution:	SOAPstone and class discussion on Magna Carta, Mayflower Compact, English Bill of Rights,
		Magna Carta -1215	
		Mayflower Compact - 1620	
		Glorious Revolution - 1688	
		English Bill of Rights - 1689	
		Declaration of Independence - 1776	
		Articles of Confederation – 1781	
		state (colonial) constitutions	
		Shays' Rebellion - 1786	
	Constitutional Convention –1787		
The Federalist Papers – 1787-1788			
USC.5.CAG.3	Explain the <i>social contract theory of government</i>		

5. Essential Understanding: The Constitution of the United States of America defines the process by which formal changes are made to the document.	5. Essential Question: How is the United States Constitution organized, and how can the Constitution of the United States of America be amended?		
	USC.6.CAG.1	Describe the reason for the organization of government in the United States Constitution	
	USC.6.CAG.4	Describe the procedures required to amend the United States Constitution	
	USC.5.CAG.4	Describe the process of ratifying the United States Constitution	
	USC.6.CAG.2	Compare delegated, concurrent, and reserved powers	
	USC.7.CAG.2	Examine fundamental rights of individuals as incorporated in the <i>Bill of Rights</i>	
6. Enduring Understanding: The electoral college process is used to select the President and Vice President of the United States.	6. Essential Question: How does the electoral college select the President and Vice President of the United States?		
	PPE.13.CAG.1	Describe the election process in the federal, state, and local governments:	Choose a political office and campaign for position
		campaign finance	
		campaign strategies	
		voter registration	Voter registration card
		factors affecting election turn-out	
		voter interest	Are younger people more apathetic?
		nominating process (e.g., nominating convention, <i>direct primary</i> , <i>caucus</i>)	
	PPE.13.CAG.2	Discuss the complexities of vote tabulation and certifying elections	
PPE.13.CAG.3	Explain the role of the electoral college in the election process		

7. Enduring Understanding: The Constitution limits the governments power in Article I and through the amendment process.	7. Essential Question: How does the United States Constitution protect citizen from government abuse of power?	
	USC.6.CAG.5	Analyze the consequences of constitutional amendments on citizenship, voting rights, due process of law, societal changes
	USC.6.CAG.3	Explain the limitations on the powers of government:
		<i>Writ of Habeas Corpus</i>
<i>Bill of Attainder</i>		
	<i>Ex Post Facto</i>	
8. Enduring Understanding: Political parties play a key role in government and provide opportunities for citizens to participate in the political process.	8A. Essential Question: What roles do political parties play in the American political process?	
	PPE.11.CAG.1	Analyze the development and growth of political parties:
		two party system
		<i>factions</i>
		third parties
		role of citizens
	PPE.11.CAG.2	Analyze various influences on political parties:
		interest groups
		lobbyists
		<i>Political Action Committees (PACs)</i>
L.9.CAG.10	Compare and contrast referendum, initiative, and recall	
	8B. Essential Question: What role do the media play in politics?	
	PPE.12.CAG.1	Discuss the influence of media coverage on the political process:
		~news reports
		~political cartoons
		~editorials
		~campaign advertising
		~public opinion polls
	~use of <i>propaganda</i> techniques	
PPE.12.CAG.2	Examine the influence of the Internet on the political process	
PPE.12.CAG.3	Discuss biases in forming public opinion	

Second Nine Weeks			Pre-AP Extensions
9. Enduring Understanding: Legislative, executive, and judicial powers are separated at the state and national levels of government.	9. Essential Question: What are the structure and powers of government at each level?		
	SG.8.CAG.1	Discuss the legislative branch of the government at the federal and state levels:	Give a powerpoint presentation
		purpose	
		organization	
		authority	
	L.9.CAG.3	Discuss the process by which a bill becomes a law	mock legislative session
	SG.8.CAG.2	Discuss the executive branch of the government at the federal and state levels:	
		purpose	
		organization	
		authority	
	SG.8.CAG.3	Discuss the judicial branch of the government at the federal and state levels:	
		purpose	
		organization	
authority			
10. Enduring Understanding: Separating power among the legislative, executive, and judicial branches helps prevent any one branch from abusing its power.	10. Essential Question: How do the separation of power and checks and balances protect against an abuse of power by any one branch of the government?		
	SG.8.CAG.4	Analyze the <i>separation of powers</i> and the system of <i>checks and balances</i> at the federal and state levels	
	SG.8.CAG.6	Compare and contrast federal, state, and local governments (e.g., <i>bureaucracy</i> , finances, civil service, public policy, community services)	
	L.9.CAG.1	Compare and contrast concurrent powers at the federal, state, and local levels	
	USC.6.CAG.2	Compare delegated, concurrent, and reserved powers	
	SG.8.CAG.5	Discuss the organization of various forms of local government (e.g., county, mayor-council, city manager, commission)	class debate; types of city government
	L.9.CAG.5	Define the concept of <i>full faith and credit</i> as it applies to the relationship between states	
11. Enduring Understanding: Officials who are elected to serve in the state and national legislatures make laws.	11. Essential Question: How do Arkansas state legislatures and the United States Congress make laws?		
	L.9.CAG.6	Identify the source, purpose, and function of laws	
	L.9.CAG.2	Describe the supremacy of federal laws	
	L.9.CAG.7	Explain the need for active and ongoing change in laws	
	L.9.CAG.4	Examine the difference between a statute and an ordinance	
	L.9.CAG.3	Discuss the process by which a bill becomes a law	Complete powerpoint resentation: Structure & Function of Government (Schoolhouse Rock)

12. Enduring Understanding: The right to due process of the law is outlined in the 5th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America.	12. Essential Question: How do the due process protections ensure justice?		
	USC.7.CAG.1	Examine rights protected by the <i>Bill of Rights</i> that are not specifically stated in the United States Constitution (e.g., right of privacy)	Coordinate to To Kill A Mockingbird/Scottsboro Trial with PreAP English
	USC.7.CAG.3	Investigate limitations or restrictions on criminal punishment (e.g., Eighth Amendment, Fourteenth Amendment)	
	USC.7.CAG.4	Analyze court cases that demonstrate how the United States Constitution protects the rights of individuals (e.g., Brown v. Board of Education, Miranda v. Arizona, Tinker v. Des Moines, Gideon v. Wainwright, Roe v. Wade)	Review and analyze major U.S. Supreme Court cases
	USC.7.CAG.5	Examine changes in civil rights legislation (e.g., affirmative action, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Civil Rights Acts of 1964-1965, Voting Rights Act of 1964)	
	USC.7.CAG.6	Identify United States presidents and summarize their roles in the Civil Rights movements:	
		Harry S. Truman	
		John F. Kennedy Lyndon B. Johnson	
G.3.CAG.3	Examine the role of government in protecting the rights of the people (e.g., courts)		
G.3.CAG.4	Evaluate the role of government in settling disputes (e.g., <i>arbitration</i> , <i>mediation</i> , <i>Wagner Act</i>)		
13. Enduring Understanding: Courts resolve two kinds of legal conflicts-civil and criminal.	13. Essential Question: What is the process for bringing civil and criminal cases to trial?		
	L.9.CAG.8	Distinguish between criminal and civil laws	
	L.9.CAG.9	Explain the phases of a criminal case:	mock trial
		hearing	
		indictment	
		arraignment	
		trial	
	L.10.CAG.1	Discuss Arkansas laws applicable to juveniles:	Give powerpoint presentation
		bullying	
		extended Juvenile Jurisdiction	
health-related issues			
juvenile court			
school laws	student handbook		
14. Enduring Understanding: The United State foreign policy has an influence worldwide.	14. Essential Question: How does the United States affect decisions made by the United Nations?		
	GR.14.CAG.1	Describe the function of the United Nations	www.UnitedNations.org
	GR.14.CAG.2	Describe the relationship between the United States and the United Nations	