

AP United States Government and Politics Syllabus

Robert Lineberry, George Edwards, and Martin Wattenberg. *Government in America: People, Politics, and Policy*. 12th ed. NY: Pearson Longman, 2006.

Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison. *The Federalist*. The Gideon Edition. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2001.

Students are to keep up with daily news events and be able to discuss them in class. They will use television news such as MSNBC, CNN, network news, newspapers such as *Washington Post* and *New York Times*, periodicals such as *Time* and *Newsweek*, and various internet sites to keep current and do research.

Students will be required to analyze and interpret charts and graphs from the text. Analyzation and interpretation of charts and graphs will then be included in their unit tests.

Constitutional Underpinnings

Day	Lesson	Articles/Charts/ Tables	Readings (pages in text)
1	Syllabus Reading Charts, Graphs, Newspapers And Using the Internet		xxvii-xxxiv 2-13
2	Introducing Government in America		13-26
3	Finish Government in America Ch. 1 Vocabulary Quiz		30-38
4	Origins of the Constitution Government That Failed: 1776-1787		38-45
5	Philadelphia Convention The Agenda in Philadelphia		45-52
6	Ch. 2 Vocabulary Quiz Madisonian Model Ratifying the Constitution	<i>Federalist</i> #51	52-58
7	Finish Ratifying the Constitution Constitutional Change	<i>Federalist</i> #51	58-63
8	Finish Constitutional Change		

	Understanding the Constitution		68-76
9	Defining Federalism Constitutional Basis of Federalism	Table: Distribution of Powers	77-85
10	Ch. 3 Vocabulary Quiz Constitutional Basis of Federalism		85-93
11	Understanding Federalism Free Response Writing	Chart: Federal Grants to State & Local Government	
12	Unit Test: multiple choice, one Free response		176-183

Political Beliefs and Behaviors

13	The American People Political Socialization	Chart: The Coming Minority Majority	184-189
14	Public Opinion Ch. 6 Vocabulary Quiz	Graph: Turnout by Age	190-200
15	Political Information Role of Polls		201-207
16	Political Ideologies	Chart: How Young & Old Compare on the Issues	296-303
17	How Elections Work	Chart: Electoral College Results of 2000 & 2004	304-311
18	Whether to Vote Ch. 10 Vocabulary Quiz		311-319
19	Understanding Elections & Voting Behavior	Chart: Changing Patterns in Voting Behavior	
20	Unit Test: multiple choice, One free response		212-219

Media/Political Parties/Interest Groups

21	Mass Media Today Development of Media Politics		219-226
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22	Finish Media Politics	News Analysis: TV Coverage of 2006 Elections.	227-235
23	News & Public Opinion Media & Agenda Setting	News Analysis: TV Coverage of 2006 Elections	240-247
24	Ch.7 Vocabulary Quiz The Meaning of Party The Party in the Electorate	Chart: Party Identification	248-255
25	Political Party Organizations Party Platforms		256-263
26	Party Eras Impact of Third Parties	Chart: Party Coalitions Today	324-332
27	Ch. 8 Vocabulary Quiz Role of Interest Groups Theories of Interest Group Politics	<i>Federalist #10</i>	333-342
28	Interest Group Explosion	<i>Federalist #10</i>	342-349
29	Types of Interest Groups	Graph: Associations by Type	
30	Unit Test: multiple choice, One free response		354-360

Institutions of National Government

31	Representatives and Senators Congressional Elections	Chart: Daily Schedule of a Congressman	361-366
32	Incumbency	Assign a Congressman to Research on Internet	366-372
33	Congressional Leadership Committees & Subcommittees	Table: Standing Committees	372-377
34	Caucuses How a Bill Becomes Law		377-382
35	Finish How a Bill Becomes Law Constituencies	Chart: How a Bill Becomes	382-386

36	Ch. 12 Vocabulary Quiz Lobbyists		392-397
37	Overview of the Presidency	Chart: Recent Presidents	398-403
38	Presidential Powers	Chart: Constitutional Powers of the President	403-407
39	Chief Executive Cabinet/Vice-President	Table: Cabinet Departments	403-407
40	Executive Office White House Staff		407-412
41	Ch. 13 Vocabulary Quiz President & Congress	Chart: Gains or Losses for Party in Midterm Elections	
42	Finish President & Congress Mandates	Assign a Recent President to Research on the Internet	413-418
43	President and National Security Policy		419-425
44	Public President Presidential Approval	Graph: Yearly Presidential Approval	426-431
45	The President and the Press	News Analysis: How the President tries to control the Press	468-476
46	The Bureaucrats	Chart: Growth in Government Civilian Employees	476-483
47	How Bureaucracies Are Organized	Chart: Organization of the Interior Department	484-491
48	Ch. 15 Vocabulary Quiz Bureaucracies as Implementors		492-499
49	Bureaucracies as Regulators	Chart: Iron Triangles	504-511
50	Intro. To Federal Courts	Chart: Federal Court System	512-519
51	Judicial Selection	Assignment: Each student is given two Supreme Court cases to research and analyze.	
52	Courts as Policymakers	<i>Federalist # 78</i>	519-526

53	Discuss <i>Federalist</i> #78		526-531
54	Ch. 16 Vocabulary Quiz Judicial Activism & Judicial Restraint		
55	Unit Test: Multiple Choice, Free response		436-440
56	Sources of Federal Revenue	Chart: Federal Revenues	440-444
57	Taxes and Public Policy		444-448
58	Federal Expenditures	Chart: Federal Expenditures	
59	Ch. 14 Vocabulary Quiz Finish Federal Expenditures	Chart: Trends in Defense Spending	449-453
60	Social Service State Uncontrollable Expenditures	Chart: Trends in Social Service Spending	453-455
61	Budgetary Process The President's Budget	Chart: Schedule of President's Budget	455-458
62	Congress and the Budget	Chart: Congressional Budget Timetable New analysis: Analyze news Coverage of budget	459-463
63	Budget Reforms	Chart: Annual Federal Deficits	588-591
64	Health Care Policy	Graph: Nation's Health Care, Who Pays	592-595
65	Role of Government in Health Care		596-599
66	Health Care Policymaking Ch.19 Vocabulary Quiz		600-604
67	Environmental Policy		605-610
68	Unit Test: Multiple Choice, Free Response		98-105

Civil Liberties/Civil Rights

69	Bill of Rights	Chart: Bill of Rights	106-115
70	Freedom of Religion Freedom of Expression	Chart: The Nationalization of the Bill of Rights	116-124
71	Ch. 4 Vocabulary Quiz Defendants' Rights		125-133
72	Right to Privacy	Graph: The Abortion Debate	138-143
73	Racial Equality	Chart: Milestones in Resegregation	144-149
74	Race, the Constitution & Public Policy	Graph: Percentage of Black Students Attending School With Whites	150-155
75	Ch.5 Vocabulary Quiz Voting Rights		156-162
76	Women & Public Policy	Chart: Milestones toward Gender Equality	163-172
77	Other Minorities & Civil Rights Affirmative Action		
78	Unit Test, Multiple Choice, Free response		
79, 80 & 81	Review for AP Test		
82	AP Test		