

Middle School Civics delivers instruction, practice, and review designed to build middle school students' understanding of the political and governmental systems of the United States and the roles played by citizens. By honing their ability to analyze civic life, political practices, and government structures, students build the depth of knowledge and higher-order thinking skills required to demonstrate their mastery when put to the test.

The two-semester course is arranged in themed units, each with three to five lessons. In each unit, activities make complex ideas about civics accessible through focused content, guided analysis, multi-modal representations, and personalized feedback. Each lesson includes a variety of activities such as direct instruction, application of skills, performance tasks, and formative and summative assessments. as they progress through standards-aligned content and demonstrate their learning through computer- and teacher-scored assignments.

Middle School Civics is built to state standards and informed by the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards.

Length: Two Semesters

UNIT 1: CREATING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

LESSON 1: TYPES OF GOVERNMENT

Study: Types of Government

Learn about the organizational structures of different types of government, and examine their purposes and roles.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Types of Government

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Types of Government

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Types of Government

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Types of Government

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: FOUNDING IDEAS AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Study: Founding Ideas and the Declaration of Independence

Explore the key events and ideas that influenced the creation of the U.S. government and the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Founding Ideas and the Declaration of Independence

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Founding Ideas and the Declaration of Independence

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Founding Ideas and the Declaration of Independence

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Founding Ideas and the Declaration of Independence

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: DRAFTING AND RATIFYING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Study: Drafting and Ratifying the U.S. Constitution

Examine the debates between Federalists and Anti-Federalists over the ratification of the U.S. Constitution and the inclusion of a bill of rights.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Drafting and Ratifying the U.S. Constitution

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Drafting and Ratifying the U.S. Constitution

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Drafting and Ratifying the U.S. Constitution

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Drafting and Ratifying the U.S. Constitution

Take a guiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: CREATING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

Review: Creating the U.S. Government

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Creating the U.S. Government

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 20 points

UNIT 2: THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

LESSON 1: ANALYZING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Study: Analyzing the U.S. Constitution

Analyze the content of the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Analyzing the U.S. Constitution

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Analyzing the U.S. Constitution

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Analyzing the U.S. Constitution

Write about important topics related to civics.

Quiz: Analyzing the U.S. Constitution

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Study: Amendments to the U.S. Constitution

Learn how amendments to the Constitution have expanded the rights of many Americans.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Amendments to the U.S. Constitution

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Amendments to the U.S. Constitution

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Amendments to the U.S. Constitution

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Amendments to the U.S. Constitution

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: PRINCIPLES OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Study: Principles of the U.S. Constitution

Examine the seven key principles that influenced the creation of the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Principles of the U.S. Constitution

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Principles of the U.S. Constitution

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Principles of the U.S. Constitution

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Principles of the U.S. Constitution

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: FEDERALISM

Study: Federalism

Examine how the principle of federalism has shaped the way government operates in the United States.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Federalism

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Federalism

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Federalism

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Federalism

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: WRAP-UP: THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Review: The U.S. Constitution

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The U.S. Constitution

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 26 points

UNIT 3: INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT

LESSON 1: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Study: The Legislative Branch

Learn about the structure of the legislative branch of the U.S. government, and examine the roles and responsibilities of Congress.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: The Legislative Branch

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: The Legislative Branch

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: The Legislative Branch

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: The Legislative Branch

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Study: The Executive Branch

Learn about the structure of the executive branch of the U.S. government, and examine the roles and responsibilities of the president.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: The Executive Branch

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: The Executive Branch

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: The Executive Branch

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: The Executive Branch

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

Study: The Judicial Branch

Learn about the creation of the judicial branch of the U.S. government, and examine the roles and responsibilities of the Supreme Court.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: The Judicial Branch

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: The Judicial Branch

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: The Judicial Branch

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: The Judicial Branch

Take a guiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Study: State and Local Governments

Examine the relationship between the federal and state governments, and learn about the structures and responsibilities of state and local governments.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: State and Local Governments

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: State and Local Governments

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: State and Local Governments

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: State and Local Governments

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: WRAP-UP: INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT

Review: Institutions of Government

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Test (CS): Institutions of Government

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 28 points

UNIT 4: LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL PROCESSES

LESSON 1: THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Study: The Legislative Process

Examine the legislative process at the federal, state, and local levels of government.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: The Legislative Process

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: The Legislative Process

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: The Legislative Process

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: The Legislative Process

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: THE U.S. COURT SYSTEM

Study: The U.S. Court System

Learn about the United States' dual court system, and examine the relationship between federal and state courts.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: The U.S. Court System

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: The U.S. Court System

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: The U.S. Court System

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: The U.S. Court System

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: WRAP-UP: LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL PROCESSES

Review: Legislative and Judicial Processes

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Legislative and Judicial Processes

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 16 points

UNIT 5: SEMESTER WRAP-UP

LESSON 1: SEMESTER WRAP-UP

Review: Semester Review

Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Exam: Semester Exam

Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 72 points

UNIT 6: CITIZEN CONNECTIONS

LESSON 1: PRINCIPLES OF CITIZENSHIP

Study: Principles of Citizenship

Learn about the duties and responsibilities of U.S. citizens.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Principles of Citizenship

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Principles of Citizenship

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Principles of Citizenship

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Principles of Citizenship

Take a guiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: POLITICAL VIEWS AND POLITICAL PARTIES

Study: Political Views and Political Parties

Examine different political beliefs, and learn about the roles political parties play in the U.S. political system.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Political Views and Political Parties

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Political Views and Political Parties

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Political Views and Political Parties

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Political Views and Political Parties

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: INTEREST GROUPS AND THE MEDIA

Study: Interest Groups and the Media

Learn how interest groups and the media shape public opinion in the United States.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Interest Groups and the Media

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Interest Groups and the Media

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Interest Groups and the Media

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Interest Groups and the Media

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: ELECTIONS

Study: Elections

Examine how elections work at the local, state, and federal levels of the U.S. government.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Elections

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Elections

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Elections

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Elections

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: WRAP-UP: CITIZEN CONNECTIONS

Review: Citizen Connections

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Citizen Connections

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 32 points

UNIT 7: CIVIL LIBERTIES AND CIVIL RIGHTS

LESSON 1: CIVIL LIBERTIES

Study: Civil Liberties

Examine the civil liberties of U.S. citizens, including those described in the Bill of Rights.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Civil Liberties

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Civil Liberties

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Civil Liberties

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Civil Liberties

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: CIVIL RIGHTS

Study: Civil Rights

Examine how constitutional amendments, legislation, and Supreme Court decisions have expanded the civil rights of U.S. ...

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Civil Rights

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Civil Rights

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Civil Rights

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Civil Rights

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: WRAP-UP: CIVIL LIBERTIES AND CIVIL RIGHTS

Review: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 12 points

UNIT 8: PUBLIC POLICY

LESSON 1: U.S. DOMESTIC POLICY

Study: U.S. Domestic Policy

Examine U.S. domestic policy, including the roles social policies play in the lives of Americans.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: U.S. Domestic Policy

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: U.S. Domestic Policy

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: U.S. Domestic Policy

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: U.S. Domestic Policy

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: THE U.S. ECONOMY

Study: The U.S. Economy

Learn about the U.S. economy, and examine how the government uses economic policy to maintain a healthy economy.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: The U.S. Economy

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: The U.S. Economy

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: The U.S. Economy

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: The U.S. Economy

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Study: U.S. Foreign Policy

Learn about the goals of U.S. foreign policy, and examine the roles the United States has played in world affairs throughout history.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: U.S. Foreign Policy

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: U.S. Foreign Policy

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: U.S. Foreign Policy

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: U.S. Foreign Policy

Take a guiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: PUBLIC POLICY

Review: Public Policy

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Public Policy

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 22 points

UNIT 9: SKILLS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

LESSON 1: EXAMINING CONTEXT AND BIAS IN POLITICAL COMMUNICATIONS

Study: Examining Context and Bias in Political Communications

Learn to identify context and bias in political communications.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Examining Context and Bias in Political Communications

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Examining Context and Bias in Political Communications

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Examining Context and Bias in Political Communications

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Examining Context and Bias in Political Communications

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: EXAMINING BASIC ECONOMIC CONCEPTS

Study: Examining Basic Economic Concepts

Examine the economic concepts associated with a market economy, including scarcity, opportunity cost, and supply and demand.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Examining Basic Economic Concepts

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Examining Basic Economic Concepts

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Examining Basic Economic Concepts

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Examining Basic Economic Concepts

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: THINKING GEOGRAPHICALLY

Study: Thinking Geographically

Learn about the shared and unique characteristics of different regions on Earth.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Thinking Geographically

Check your understanding of the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Thinking Geographically

Review important ideas and skills from this lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Thinking Geographically

Write about important topics related to civics.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 5 points

Quiz: Thinking Geographically

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: SKILLS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

Review: Skills for Social Studies

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Skills for Social Studies

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 24 points

UNIT 10: SEMESTER WRAP-UP

LESSON 1: SEMESTER WRAP-UP

Review: Semester Review

Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Exam: Semester Exam

Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 70 points