

In U.S. Government and Politics Honors, students examine the history, principles, and function of the political system established by the U.S. Constitution. Starting with a basic introduction to the role of government in society and the philosophies at the heart of American democracy, this course provides students with the knowledge needed to be informed and empowered participants in the U.S. political system.

Through critical reading activities, feedback-rich instruction, and application-oriented assignments, students develop their capacity to conduct research, analyze sources, make arguments, and take informed action. In written assignments, students address critical questions about U.S. politics and the role of individual Americans in politics and political organizations. In discussion activities, students respond to political opinions, take a position, and defend their own claims. Formative and summative assessments provide students — and teachers — with ample opportunities to check in, review, and evaluate students' progress in the course. For Honors students, the course culminates with a multipart independent research project focused on a topic of their choice.

This course is built to state standards and informed by the College, Career, and Civil Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards, and the National Standard for Civics and Government.

Length: One semester

## **UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT**

### **LESSON 1: ESSENTIAL SKILLS**

## **Study: Working with Sources**

Learn appropriate methods for working with and evaluating social studies sources.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Working with Sources**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### **Practice: All's Fair in Politics**

Evaluate primary and secondary social studies sources for accuracy and bias.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

#### **Study: Constructing Arguments**

Learn how to construct arguments and use evidence from social studies sources to support claims.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

# **Quiz: Constructing Arguments**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

### **Practice: Argue Your Case**

Gather evidence and construct an argument on whether voting matters.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

## **LESSON 2: IDEAS ABOUT GOVERNMENT**

# **Study: How Governments Function**

Compare and contrast different forms and functions of government.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

# **Quiz: How Governments Function**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

## **Discuss: The Purposes of Government**

Examine the purposes of government and discuss the ways in which government influences people's lives.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

### **Study: Types of Democracies**

Learn about the origins of democracy and differentiate between types of democracies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Quiz: Types of Democracies**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

### **Practice: Comparing Governments**

Compare the structures, principles, and purposes of the governments of three different nation-states.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

### **LESSON 3: ORIGINS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT**

### Study: Inspiration for Independence

Analyze Enlightenment ideas reflected in the Declaration of Independence.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Quiz: Inspiration for Independence**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

# **Read: Enlightened Ideas**

Analyze the writings of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Study: Documents Leading to the Constitution

Analyze the principles of government reflected in landmark historical documents that influenced the framing of the U.S.

Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Early American Governments**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

# **Journal: Examining the Founding Principles**

Reflect on the ideals and principles in the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

## **LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: INTRODUCTION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT**

## **Project: Honors Project Part 1**

Duration: 0 hrs Scoring: 0 points

# Review: Introduction to U.S. Government

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

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Test (CS): Introduction to U.S. Government

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

# Test (TS): Introduction to U.S. Government

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

#### **UNIT 2: THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**

#### **LESSON 1: ESTABLISHING THE CONSTITUTION**

## **Study: Arguments and Compromises**

Learn about the history of the U.S. Constitution and the historical context of the Constitutional Convention.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Arguments and Compromises**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

## Study: Ratifying the Constitution

Examine the debate between Federalists and Anti-Federalists over the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Quiz: Ratifying the Constitution**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### Discuss: Whose Side Are You On?

Debate the views of Federalists and Anti-Federalists over the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### **LESSON 2: EXAMINING THE CONSTITUTION**

### Read: Reading the Constitution, Part I

Analyze the text of the Preamble and Articles I through III of the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

## Study: The Parts of the Constitution

Learn about the structure and intended purposes of the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

# **Quiz: The Parts of the Constitution**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### Read: Reading the Constitution, Part II

Analyze the text of Articles IV through VII and the 27 amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

# Study: Principles of the Constitution

Learn about the major principles that serve as a foundation for the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Principles of the Constitution**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

## **Practice: Applying Constitutional Principles**

Evaluate how the Constitution reflects the core political principles of the U.S. government.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

### **LESSON 3: FEDERALISM IN THE UNITED STATES**

## **Study: The Division of Powers**

Learn about the powers the Constitution gives to the federal government and the powers it reserves for the states.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: The Division of Powers**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

### Study: Federalism in Action

Examine the history of federalism in the United States, including the effects of the landmark Supreme Court case *McCulloch v. Maryland*.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Federalism in Action**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

## Read: An Ongoing Debate

Research and analyze the debate over how power in the United States is divided between federal and state governments.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Practice: Overlapping Powers of Government**

Analyze potential conflicts between federal and state governments.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

### **LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**

## **Project: Honors Project Part 2**

Duration: 0 hrs Scoring: 0 points

#### Review: The U.S. Constitution

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

Duration: 0 hrs 30 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 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## Test (TS): The U.S. Constitution

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## **UNIT 3: INSTITUTIONS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

### **LESSON 1: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

### **Study: The Presidency**

Examine the roles, responsibilities, and powers of the U.S. president.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

# **Quiz: The Presidency**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### Journal: The President's Power

Analyze and evaluate how the power of the American presidency has grown over time, particularly during times of war.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

## **Study: The Federal Bureaucracy**

Learn about the structure of the federal bureaucracy and the variety of organizations it comprises.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Quiz: The Federal Bureaucracy**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

## **Practice: Comparing Executive Organizations**

Compare the structure and responsibilities of organizations that make up the federal bureaucracy.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

#### **LESSON 2: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH**

## Study: Understanding the Federal Justice System

Examine the structure, functions, and organization of the federal judicial system.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Understanding the Federal Justice System**

Take a guiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

### Read: Marbury v. Madison

Read excerpts from and evaluate the influence of the landmark Supreme Court case Marbury v. Madison.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Study: The Supreme Court**

Analyze the structure, functions, and processes of the Supreme Court.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

# **Quiz: The Supreme Court**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

## **Practice: Overturning a Supreme Court Decision**

Learn how a Supreme Court decision can be overturned and explain how a current decision could be overturned.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

## **LESSON 3: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

# Study: The Setup and Powers of Congress

Examine the structure and powers of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Quiz: The Setup and Powers of Congress**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

# **Study: The Legislative Process**

Examine the legislative process and learn how the federal government creates new laws.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: The Legislative Process**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

# **Practice: Comparing the Branches**

Compare the powers and responsibilities of the three branches of the federal government.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 10 points

## **LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: INSTITUTIONS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

Project: Honors Project Part 3

Duration: 0 hrs Scoring: 0 points

# **Review: Institutions of the Federal Government**

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

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Test (CS): Institutions of the Federal Government

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## Test (TS): Institutions of the Federal Government

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

### **UNIT 4: CIVIL LIBERTIES AND CIVIL RIGHTS**

#### **LESSON 1: FOUNDATIONAL FREEDOMS**

#### **Journal: We Hold These Truths**

Evaluate how the ideal of natural rights represented in the Declaration of Independence has been interpreted over time.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

## Study: The Bill of Rights In Depth

Learn about the context and meaning of the amendments in the Bill of Rights.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

# Quiz: The Bill of Rights In Depth

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Study: First Amendment Freedoms**

Examine the freedoms protected by the First Amendment and analyze how the interpretation of these freedoms has changed over time.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: First Amendment Freedoms**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

## **Discuss: A Balancing Act**

Discuss the opinions in *District of Columbia v. Heller* on the appropriate balance between individual rights and the public interest.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 20 points

# **LESSON 2: INTERPRETING CIVIL LIBERTIES**

## Study: Due Process and Incorporation

Analyze due process as represented in the Fifth and Fourteenth amendments.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Quiz: Due Process and Incorporation**

Take a guiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

# **Practice: Arguments Over Incorporation**

Analyze Supreme Court justices' conflicting views on due process and the incorporation of the Bill of Rights.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 10 points

## Study: Liberties in the Court

Evaluate how significant Supreme Court decisions have affected citizens' civil liberties.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: Liberties in the Court**

Take a guiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### **Practice: Freedom of the Press in Context**

Construct an argument evaluating the Supreme Court's decision in Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

### **LESSON 3: FIGHTING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS**

### Journal: Liberties and Rights

Compare the protections represented by civil liberties and civil rights and evaluate their importance in everyday life.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

### **Study: Equal Protection**

Analyze the principle of equal protection and its effect on individual rights.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Quiz: Equal Protection**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

## Read: The Voting Rights Act of 1965

Read excerpts from the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and analyze how Congress used the act to ensure African Americans were not denied their rights.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Study: Rights for Marginalized Groups**

Analyze the fight for civil rights in the United States and examine the role played by ordinary citizens in winning rights for marginalized groups.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Quiz: Rights for Marginalized Groups**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

## **Practice: The Complications of Affirmative Action**

Examine the affirmative action debate and analyze the effects of the decision in the landmark Supreme Court case *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke.* 

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

## **LESSON 4: 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 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

# Test (TS): Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## **UNIT 5: CITIZEN CONNECTIONS**

# **LESSON 1: INSTITUTIONS WITH INFLUENCE**

**Study: Political Parties** 

Learn about the organization, role, and influence of political parties in the United States.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Political Parties**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Study: Interest Groups**

Analyze the role and influence of interest groups in the American political process.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: Interest Groups**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Discuss: The Power of Lobbies**

Research and evaluate the influence lobbyists have on public opinion and public policy.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

# Study: The Role of the Media

Analyze the role and influence of the media in the American political process.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: The Role of the Media

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Practice: Leveraging Your Links**

Select a civic issue, identify a political party or interest group that agrees with your position, and outline a media plan to accomplish your goal.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

## **LESSON 2: ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGNS**

# **Study: How Elections Work**

Learn about the election process at various levels of U.S. government.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Quiz: How Elections Work**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

# Journal: Campaign Finance and Citizens United

Write about the debates over campaign finance reform.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### Study: The Race for the Presidency

Analyze the processes of a presidential election, including the function of the Electoral College.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

# **Quiz: The Race for the Presidency**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

# Discuss: Should the Electoral College Be Eliminated?

Examine the debate over the Electoral College and construct your own argument about whether the institution should be eliminated.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

#### **Practice: A Hidden Factor**

Analyze how reapportionment and redistricting are used to achieve political goals.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

#### **LESSON 3: STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### Study: State Governments and How They Work

Learn about the functions, organization, and influence of governments at the state level.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### Quiz: State Governments and How They Work

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: Government at the Local Level

Learn about the functions, organization, and influence of governments at the local level.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### Quiz: Government at the Local Level

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### Journal: Levels of Government

Reflect on how different levels of government address issues in primary and secondary education.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

## **Practice: Taking Action in Your State**

Research and evaluate different options for resolving a labor or employment issue at the state level.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

# **LESSON 4: 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 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

# **Test (TS): Citizen Connections**

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

# **UNIT 6: PUBLIC POLICY**

### **LESSON 1: UNDERSTANDING PUBLIC POLICY**

## **Study: Introduction to Public Policy**

Examine how public policy is created and implemented at different levels of government.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: Introduction to Public Policy**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

# Discuss: What's Your Policy on Policy?

Consider the policy positions of the Democratic and Republican parties and define your own views on policy.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

## **Practice: A Case Study**

Research and evaluate the environmental policies of two presidents.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

### **LESSON 2: DOMESTIC POLICY**

### **Study: Social Policy**

Examine significant issues in social policy and analyze how these issues reflect national values and principles.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Social Policy**

Take a guiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Study: Domestic Economic Policy**

Learn about U.S. fiscal and monetary policies and how they affect the American economy.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Quiz: Domestic Economic Policy**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

## **Practice: The Controversy Over Health Care**

Examine and take a position on the debate over the government's role in health care.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

### **LESSON 3: FOREIGN POLICY**

### Study: The Workings of U.S. Foreign Policy

Learn about the governmental roles and structures involved in creating and implementing U.S. foreign policy.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## Quiz: The Workings of U.S. Foreign Policy

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: The United States in the World

Examine U.S. foreign policy influences and assess how U.S. foreign policy affects other countries.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## Quiz: The United States in the World

Take a guiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

#### **Practice: Assessing Our Goals**

Analyze major foreign policy goals and write an argumentative essay stating which goal you feel should be the top priority for U.S. foreign policy in the coming years.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 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 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## **Test (TS): Public Policy**

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

# **UNIT 7: CIVIC AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION**

## **LESSON 1: THE ROLE OF CITIZENS**

## **Study: American Citizenship**

Examine the processes by which different categories of people become U.S. citizens and evaluate how the constitutional definition of citizenship has changed over time.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: American Citizenship**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### Study: The Obligations of a Citizen

Examine the obligations and responsibilities of U.S. citizens and evaluate the importance of civic participation.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## Quiz: The Obligations of a Citizen

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

## **Practice: Do We Earn Our Rights?**

Analyze the civic responsibilities and duties associated with exercising one's individual rights.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

#### **LESSON 2: VOTING**

# Study: Voting Rights in the United States

Learn the ways in which voting rights in the United States have expanded and changed over time.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

## **Quiz: Voting Rights in the United States**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

## Practice: Becoming a Voter

Research how someone registers to vote in your state.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 10 points

### **Study: Informed Voting**

Learn about the importance of voting in the democratic process and what it takes to become an informed voter.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

### **Quiz: Informed Voting**

Take a guiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

### **Practice: Voter Turnout and Its Effects**

Analyze the role voter turnout plays in electing officials at the federal level.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

## **LESSON 3: FURTHER POLITICAL PARTICIPATION**

# **Journal: Your Political Beliefs**

Reflect on how your political beliefs have been formed.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

## **Study: Methods of Participation**

Analyze methods of political participation beyond voting.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

#### **Quiz: Methods of Participation**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

## **Practice: People Power**

Evaluate a successful citizen effort to influence government policy and explain what made it successful.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 10 points

# **Project: Making a Difference**

Compose a letter to a government official advocating a position on an important political or public policy issue that you have researched and evaluated.

Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 40 points

## **LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: CIVIC AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION**

## **Review: Civic and Political Participation**

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

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

## Test (CS): Civic and Political Participation

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## Test (TS): Civic and Political Participation

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

## **UNIT 8: SEMESTER REVIEW AND EXAM**

#### **LESSON 1: SEMESTER REVIEW AND EXAM**

## **Review: Semester Review**

Prepare for the final exam by reviewing key concepts and skills you have learned in this course.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

# **Exam: Semester Exam**

Take a computer-scored exam to assess what you have learned in this course.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

#### **Final Exam: Semester Exam**

Take a teacher-scored exam to assess what you have learned in this course.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points