

Unit	Lesson	Lesson Objectives
Foundations of American Democracy		
Introduction to AP US Government		
Introduction to Unit 1		
Introduction to Government		
Describe the purposes and functions of government.		
Explain the roles and responsibilities of citizenship.		
Identify different structures of government.		
Reading Lesson – Chapter 1 (The Study of American Government)		
The Enlightenment		
Describe the goals of the Enlightenment.		
Identify Enlightenment ideas that created a new understanding of the role of government and the rights of citizens.		
The Need for a Constitution		
Analyze the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation and its role in leading to the drafting of the US Constitution.		
Explain the powers granted by the Articles of the Confederation to the states and to the federal government.		
Identify the reasons for the creation of the Articles of Confederation.		
Reading Lesson – Chapter 2 (The Constitution)		
Drafting the Constitution		
Analyze the effects of the Three-Fifths Compromise in ending the ratification debates over slavery.		
Describe the key differences between states that led to debate during the Constitutional Convention.		
Explain how the Great Compromise negotiated a plan for representation in Congress.		
Principles and the Preamble		
Analyze the purposes and functions of the government as stated in the Preamble.		
Explain what the Constitution specifies about the role and structure of government.		
Reading Lesson – Chapter 3 (Federalism)		
Federalism in the Constitution		
Define the role and purpose of federalism.		
Differentiate between types of state and federal powers.		
Reading Lesson – Balance of Power		
AP Writing Lesson: Free-Response Questions		
Unit Test		
Interactions among Branches of Government		
Introduction to Unit 2		
Article I: Congress		
Analyze the role of the Necessary and Proper Clause in establishing implied powers for Congress.		
Describe the structure of Congress as organized by Article I of the Constitution.		
Identify the expressed powers of Congress.		

Unit	Lesson	Lesson Objectives
Reading Lesson – Chapter 13 (Congress)		
The House of Representatives		
<p>Describe the structure of the House of Representatives.</p> <p>Explain the function of the House of Representatives and what its members do.</p> <p>List the powers granted to the House of Representatives and the limits to those powers.</p>		
The Senate		
<p>Describe the structure of the Senate.</p> <p>Explain the function of the Senate and what its members do.</p> <p>List the powers granted to the Senate and the limits to those powers.</p>		
Reading Lesson – Influences on Congressional Behavior		
Article II: The Presidency		
<p>Analyze the powers and duties of the President.</p> <p>Describe the structure of the executive branch as outlined by Article II of the Constitution.</p>		
Reading Lesson – Chapter 14 (The Presidency)		
The Presidency and Its Powers		
<p>Describe the president's duties and roles.</p> <p>Discuss the president's powers and how they have been challenged or changed over time.</p> <p>Identify the structure and purpose of the office of president.</p>		
Reading Lesson – Chapter 15 (The Bureaucracy)		
The Federal Bureaucracy		
<p>Describe the role of independent agencies in the executive branch.</p> <p>Explain the functions and duties of executive departments.</p> <p>Identify the role of the cabinet in leading the executive bureaucracy.</p>		
Reading Lesson – Chapter 16 (The Judiciary)		
Article III: The Courts		
<p>Analyze the powers given to the judicial branch.</p> <p>Identify the structure of the judicial branch created by Article III of the Constitution.</p>		
The Judicial Branch		
<p>Describe the organization of the federal and state court systems.</p> <p>Explain the basics of the legal process.</p>		
Free-Response Question: Interactions among Branches of Government		
Unit 2 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 2		
Unit 2 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 3		
Unit 2 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 4		
Unit Test		

Unit	Lesson	Lesson Objectives
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights		
Introduction to Unit 3		
Reading Lesson – Chapter 5 (Civil Liberties)		
The Bill of Rights		
Describe the purpose of each of the ten amendments in the Bill of Rights.		
Explain how the Bill of Rights establishes civil liberties.		
Your Rights: Freedom of Religion		
Analyze Court decisions concerning the First Amendment's establishment clause.		
Describe the purpose and language of the First Amendment.		
Your Rights: Freedom of Expression		
Define the political rights of freedom of speech, press, and assembly.		
Explain the limits placed on First Amendment rights and the reasons why these limits are in place.		
Reading Lesson – Freedom of Speech		
Your Rights: Due Process		
Analyze Supreme Court interpretations of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments.		
Describe the rights of the accused as found in the Fourth and Fifth Amendments.		
Reading Lesson – Due Process		
Your Rights: Trials and Punishments		
Analyze how Supreme Court decisions created new interpretations of the Sixth and Eighth Amendments.		
Identify the rights of the accused as defined by the Sixth and Eighth Amendments.		
Reading Lesson – The Fourth and Eighth Amendments		
Your Rights: Personal Privacy		
Analyze the effects of major Supreme Court cases related to privacy rights.		
Define an individual's right to privacy and the limits to that right.		
Explain how the Ninth Amendment guarantees the unenumerated rights of the people.		
Reading Lesson – Chapter 6 (Civil Rights)		
Nonviolent Protest		
Describe the impact of the violent resistance faced by protestors in Birmingham.		
Examine the resistance to federal desegregation and integration of universities in the South.		
Explain the challenges faced by voter registration campaigns in the southern United States.		
Extending Voting Rights		
Examine the effects of the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act of the 1960s.		
Explain how the Fifteenth Amendment extended voting rights to African Americans.		
Summarize the contents of the Nineteenth and Twenty-Sixth Amendments.		

Unit	Lesson	Lesson Objectives
Reading Lesson – The Second and 14th Amendments		
The Fourteenth Amendment		
Analyze the importance of the Fourteenth Amendment in incorporating the Bill of Rights.		
Describe the civil rights protections created by the Fourteenth Amendment.		
The Supreme Court and Civil Rights		
Analyze the ways the Constitution protects and limits the rights and powers of both government and individuals.		
Describe major Supreme Court cases involving Fourteenth Amendment Rights.		
Explain how the Supreme Court has reinterpreted civil rights over time.		
Free-Response Questions: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights		
Unit 3 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 2		
Unit 3 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 3		
Unit 3 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 4		
Unit Test		
American Political Ideologies and Beliefs		
Introduction to Unit 4		
Political Perspectives		
Analyze the factors that influence a person's political beliefs.		
Identify major political ideologies.		
Reading Lesson – Chapter 7 (Public Opinion)		
Creating Public Policy		
Define public policy.		
Describe influences on the creation of public policy.		
Identify the ways public policy is made.		
Economic Policy		
Describe the economic goals of governments.		
Explain how policies are formed and created.		
Identify the types of economic policies that are created by governments.		
Economic Policy: Influential Theories		
Describe the fundamental policy principles of Keynesian economics.		
Examine the theories of Friedrich Hayek and Milton Friedman.		
Explain the contributions of Adam Smith to classical economic theory.		
Social Policy		
Analyze the issues facing social security programs.		
Examine the factors that influence public assistance programs.		
Identify the government's role in establishing education policy.		

Unit	Lesson	Lesson Objectives
		<p>Reading Lesson – Chapter 9 (Political Parties)</p> <p>Political Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze how political parties govern. Describe the rise and transformation of political parties. Explain how political parties are organized. <p>Free-Response Question: American Political Ideologies and Beliefs</p> <p>Unit 4 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 2</p> <p>Unit 4 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 3</p> <p>Unit 4 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 4</p> <p>Unit Test</p>
		<p>Political Participation</p> <p>Introduction to Unit 5</p> <p>Reading Lesson – Chapter 4 (American Political Culture)</p> <p>Reading Lesson – Chapter 8 (Political Participation)</p> <p>Voting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze voter turnout trends. Describe the process of voting. Explain issues surrounding the creation of voting districts. <p>Reading Lesson – Chapter 10 (Elections and Campaigns)</p> <p>Campaigns and Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe how campaigns are structured, held, and funded. Explain the primary and election process. <p>Reading Lesson – Chapter 11 (Interest Groups)</p> <p>Interest Groups and Lobbying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the purpose and influence of interest groups and public action committees. Examine the function and influence of lobbyists. <p>Reading Lesson - Chapter 12 (The Media)</p> <p>The Media and Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the ways media sources influence elections and the creation of policy. Examine the ways politicians use the media to communicate a message. <p>Free-Response Question: Political Participation</p> <p>Unit 5 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 2</p> <p>Unit 5 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 3</p> <p>Unit 5 Free-Response Questions: Prompt 4</p> <p>Unit Test</p>

Unit	Lesson	Lesson Objectives
------	--------	-------------------

Review

- Exam Strategies**
- Unit 1 Review**
- Unit 2 Review**
- Unit 3 Review**
- Unit 4 Review**
- Unit 5 Review**
- Practice Exam I**
- Practice Exam II**