

## **Additional Resources: U.S. Government**

### **I. Local Laws and Regulations**

#### **Contacting the Congress**

<http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/>

Find out who your Representatives and Senators are in English and Spanish.

#### **Living American.com**

<http://www.vidaamericana.com/english/usgov.html>

These are one-page summaries on topics such as Know About U.S. Law, Understand US Government, etc.

#### **Locate Services near you**

[http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Find\\_Services.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Find_Services.shtml)

The Web site has a long list of links to a variety of organizations and services.

#### **National Lawyers Guild: Know Your Rights**

<http://www.nlg.org/publications/you-have-the-right-to-remain-silent/>

This Web site spotlights the rights of residents and citizens in several languages including Spanish, Arabic, and Chinese.

#### **Reading Signs in English by Charles I. Kelly**

<http://www.manythings.org/signs/>

There are photographs of over 700 signs here.

#### **State and Local Government on the Net**

<http://www.statelocalgov.net/>

Many, many resources are on this site, pinpointed by specific states including city guides and information about specific offices in each branch of state government as well as links to city web pages.

#### **The Democracy Project**

<http://pbskids.org/democracy/>

The Web site has many graphics and simple language. Although it was designed for middle school and lower, the site is still useful for adults with such topics as: How Does Government Affect Me? and Why Vote: A Public Awareness Campaign.

#### **Partner site: The Democracy Project**

<http://pbskids.org/democracy/vote/index.html>

These are some sample contents: What A Difference One Vote Makes, Step into A Voting Machine, Cast Your Vote (on issues of the day).

## II. Structure of Government

### **American Presidents: Life Portraits**

<http://www.americanpresidents.org/>

In addition to biographical information on each president, this Web site has videos, a portrait gallery, and many other interactive and interesting aspects.

### **Federal Resources for Educational Excellence: History Topics**

[http://free.ed.gov/subjects.cfm?subject\\_id=178](http://free.ed.gov/subjects.cfm?subject_id=178)

A wide-ranging collection of websites, pictures, speeches, documents and general information are all in one spot.

### **Kids Geo.com -- Geography Flash Games**

<http://www.kidsgeo.com/geography-games/usa-capitals-map-game.php>

Among the other games on this site are a state match and a state capitol identification game. The site is sponsored by Kids Geo.com, which is part of the Kids Know It Network, a nonprofit children's learning organization

### **House of Representatives: Educational Resources**

<http://www.house.gov/house/Educate.shtml>

The resources on this Web site include historical documents, descriptions of legislative processes, and discussion of the constitution.

### **Internet Public Library: POTUS: Presidents of the United States**

<http://www.ipl.org/div/potus/gwashington.html>

There is information here about each president with links to cabinet officers, wives etc.

### **Learn About the United States of America**

<http://www.usa.gov/visitors/about.shtml>

This resource has information and links about the structure of the U.S. government as well as holidays, general facts, The Star Spangled Banner, etc.

### **Living American.com**

<http://www.vidaamericana.com/english/usgov.html>

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### **The Little Book Online**

[http://members.tripod.com/%7Etutor\\_me/book/little.htm](http://members.tripod.com/%7Etutor_me/book/little.htm)

These materials have been assembled for the Ohio 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Proficiency test. They consist of one-page documents with hypertext defined words topics such as Three Branches of the Federal Government and documents such as the Declaration of Independence.

### **The White House**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/>

This site has brief biographies and pictures of presidents and first ladies.

### **U.S. Courts**

<http://www.uscourts.gov/outreach/index.html>

This collection of documents and links has descriptions of court structures, example cases that have reached Supreme Court (often with video), and the Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. talking about the Supreme Court.

### **USA.gov: State Government**

[http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State\\_and\\_Territories.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State_and_Territories.shtml)

These are links to Web pages on the governments and important issues in each of the 52 states.

### III. Rights and Constitutional Protections

#### **A Roadmap to the U.S. Constitution**

<http://library.thinkquest.org/11572/>

The Web site contains a copy of the Constitution, description of its origins and creation as well as issues and court cases.

#### **Constitution Study Guide**

<http://sites.google.com/site/constitutionstudyguide/>

Written expressly for adult education students in Illinois who need to pass the Constitution test, the Web site is clear, fact-filled and well-written.

#### **History of Voting Rights**

[http://www.uen.org/general\\_learner/civics/elections/rights\\_history.shtml](http://www.uen.org/general_learner/civics/elections/rights_history.shtml)

This is a concise history of the development of the right to vote with links to Web sites on voting landmarks.

#### **National Constitution Center**

<http://www.constitutioncenter.org/education/WelcomeEducatorsandStudents/index.shtml>

Resources for educators and students here include original documents such as the Interactive Constitution where specific rights, laws, and court cases can be searched.

#### **Info USA – U.S. Government**

<http://www.ait.org.tw/infousa/enus/government/index.html>

The site discusses the U.S. Government, its history and compares it with other world governments.

#### **The United States Constitution**

<http://constitutionus.com/>

This is a large print, easy to read, copy of the U.S. Constitution.

#### **U.S. Constitution.net**

<http://www.usconstitution.net/>

Everything one would ever want to know about the U.S. Constitution for all age and ability levels is on this site.