Unit 1: Introduction to Government

Day 1 - Defining the State and Introducing the Purpose of Government

Day 2 - Theories on How Government Began

Day 3 - Types of Governments

Day 4 - Characteristics of Democracy

Day 5 - Review

Day 6 – Assessment

Unit 2: Foundations of American Government

Day 1 - Athens and Rome

Day 2 - English Documents Build Towards Democracy

Day 3 - The Enlightenment Philosophers

Day 4 - The Significance of Early American Documents

Day 5 - George Mason & Thomas Jefferson's Influence on Democracy

Day 6 - Analyzing the Declaration of Independence

Day 7 - The Fundamentals of American Democracy Project Based Learning

Day 8 - Review

Day 9 - Assessment

Unit 3: The Constitution & Federalism

Day 1 - The Articles of Confederation

Day 2 - The Constitutional Convention

Day 3 - The Convention Continued

Day 4 - Analyzing the Constitution

Day 5 - Analyzing the Constitution Continued

Day 6 - Amending the Constitution

Day 7 - Federalists, Anti-Federalists, & Ratification

Day 8 - The Bill of Rights

Day 9 - Federalism & Shared Powers

Day 10 - Alexander Hamilton's Role & Songs from “Hamilton the Musical”

Day 11 - Review

Day 12 - Assessment

Unit 4: Political Parties & Ideology

Day 1- The Role of Political Parties

Day 2 - The Political Spectrum

Day 3 - Political Parties & Campaigning

Day 4 - Analyzing Political Ads

Day 5 - Selecting a Candidate

Day 6 - Review

Day 7 - Assessment

Unit 5: Campaigns and Elections

Day 1 - The Election Process

Day 2 & 3 - Campaign Finance

Day 4 - Understanding the Electoral College

Day 5 - Elections & Gerrymandering

Day 6 - The Media & "Fake News"

Day 7 - Review

Day 8 - Assessment

Unit 6: The Legislative Branch

Day 1 - Introduction to Congress

Day 2 - Expressed & Implied Powers of Congress

Day 3 - Congressional Committees

Day 4 - The Budgeting Process

Day 5 - How a Bill Becomes a Law

Day 6 - How a Bill Becomes a Law Continued

Day 7 to ??? - Mock Congress

Day X - Review

Day XX - Assessment

Unit 7: The Executive Branch

Day 1 - Overview of the President

Day 2 - Roles of the President

Day 3 - The Cabinet & Bureaucracy

Day 4 - The Vice Presidency

Day 5 - Presidential Policies and Agendas

Day 6 - Presidential Scandals

Day 7 - Executive Orders

Day 8 - Review

Day 9 - Assessment

Unit 8: The Judicial Branch

Day 1 - Basics of the Judicial System

Day 2 - The Supreme Court

Day 3 - Judicial Review

Day 4 - Judicial Activism Vs. Restraint

Day 5, 6, & 7 - Famous Supreme Court Cases

Day 8 - Cyberbullying and the Law

Day 9 - Review

Day 10 - Assessment

Unit 9: Civil Liberties

Day 1 - Civil Liberties vs. Civil Rights Overview

Day 2 - Overview of Civil Liberties

Day 3 - Overview of Civil Rights

Day 4 - Challenges to Civil Liberties

Day 5 - 9/11 and the Patriot Act

Day 6 - Charlottesville and Civil Liberties

Day 7 - Current Civil Liberties Issues

Day 8 - Review

Day 9 - Assessment

Unit 10: Foreign Policy and Comparative Government

Day 1 - Foreign Policy Basics

Day 2 - History of American Foreign Policies

Day 3 - Foreign Policy Priorities

Day 4 - Current Issues in Foreign Policy

Day 5 – Comparative Government

Day 6 – Culture and Comparative Government

Day 7 – International Organizations & Globalization

Day 8 – Review

Day 9 – Assessment

Unit 11: State & Local Government

Day 1 – State Government

Day 2 – State Commission Simulation

Day 3 – County & Local Government

Day 4 – My Local Government

Day 5 – Service Learning