



U.S. Government

Course Outline

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Unit Outline:

Intro Unit: The U.S. Constitution:

The U.S. Constitution Scavenger Hunt, The Six Basic Principles, The Seven Powers, U.S. Constitution read through, U.S. Constitution Review & Test

I. Historical & Philosophical Principles of American Government

Concepts:

Natural Rights, Individual Rights, Representative Government, Colonial Experiences, Declaration of Independence, State Constitutions & Rights

II. Origins of American Government & the Creation of the Constitution

Concepts:

Articles of Confederation, Philadelphia Convention, Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists

III. Shaping American Institutions & Practices

Concepts:

Organizing the Constitution, Rights Protected in the Constitution, Bill of Rights Compromise, Judicial Review, Federalism

IV. The Development & Expansion of the Protections of the Bill of Rights

Concepts:

Civil War Amendments, Fourteenth Amendment, Civil Rights Movement, Right to Vote, Affirmative Action

V. The Rights Protected by the Bill of Rights

Concepts:

Establishment Clause, Free Exercise Clause, Freedom of Expression, Due Process of Law, Search & Seizure, Self-Incrimination, Double Jeopardy, Rights and the Judicial System