pt	Week	Topic	Lessons by Week	Writing Task
Quarter 1/3	1	Topic 1: Origins of Government	Principles of government; Types of Government; The Basics of Democracy	Theodore Roosevelt said: “The first requisite of a good citizen in our republic is that he should be able and willing to pull his weight.” What does this mean to a U.S. citizen?
	2	Topic 2: Beginnings of American Government	Types of Colonies (Vocab: limited government and representative govt); Independence and impact of first Constitution; First Steps (Articles of Confederation)	Should the US Constitution be ratified?
	3		Constitutional Convention; Ratification	
	4		Ratification (Quest activity: should constitution be ratified?); Test Topics 1 and 2	
	5	Topic 3: Constitution	Constitution basics ; Overview of articles (Supremacy, Privileges and immunities, Full Faith and Credit); Federalism and power division and Necessary and proper clause	How has the interpretation of the Constitution changed through the actions of the executive and judicial branches?
	6		Amendments and "change by other means"	
	7	Topic 4: Legislative Branch	Congressional Leadership; The Two Houses; Expressed powers	After reading a quote from G. Washington: How does washington mean when calling the Senate the "Cooling Saucer" of congress and what is the Senates impact on federalism?
	8		Strict and liberal constructionists; Committees; Bill to law; Quiz	
	9	Topic 5: Executive Branch	Overview	
		Break		
Quarter 2/4	10	Topic 5: Executive Branch	Federa Bureaucracy; Domestic powers; National budget	Does the idea of executive privilege safeguard or disrupt the separation of powers between the executive and the legislative branches?
	11		Budget; Foreign Affairs Powers, Quiz on 5	
	12	Topic: 7: Judiciary and Topic 8 Civil Liberties	Jurisdiction and Certiorari	
	13		Certiorari, Recent Cases	Should Supreme Court Justices be elected? Serve fixed terms? Explain
	14		14th Amendment, incorporation, Bill of Rights protections; Quiz on 7 and 8	
	15	Topic 10 and 11: Voting and Elections	Political Parties, Primaries, Electing the president	Should Literacy be a requirement for voting?
	16		Money in elections, Interest groups, Voting Trends, The right to vote	
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	18	Topic 14: Comparative Politics	UK, Russia, China; Review	What, if any, benefits are there to a parliamentary government?
	19	Finals		
		Break		