



Autauga County Schools

Pacing Guides

United States Government

US Government

1st Nine Weeks (42 days)

Unit 1 Democracy (10 Days)

ACOS 12-1 Principles of American Government

Explain historical and philosophical origins that shaped the government of the United States, including the Magna Carta, the Petition of Rights, the English Bill of Rights, the Mayflower Compact, the Virginia Declaration of Rights, and the influence of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Charles de Montesquieu, Jean-Jaques Rousseau, and the Great Awakening.

ACOS 12-2 Origins of American Government

Summarize the significance of the First and Second Continental Congresses, the Declaration of Independence, Shays' Rebellion, and the Articles of Confederation of 1781 on the writing and ratification of the Constitution of the United States of 1787 and the Bill of Rights of 1791.

Unit 2 The Constitution (12 Days)

ACOS 12-3 The Constitution

Analyze major features of the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights for purposes, organization, functions, and principles, including rule of law, federalism, limited government, popular sovereignty, judicial review, separation of powers, and checks and balances.

ACOS 12-4 Federalism

Explain how the federal system of the United States divides powers between national and state governments.

Unit 3 Division of Powers (12 Days)

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Explain how the federal system of the United States divides powers between national and state governments.

ACOS 12-5 Compare specific functions, organizations, and purposes of local and state governments, including implementing fiscal and monetary policies, ensuring personal security, and regulating transportation.

Unit 7 & 8 Voting and Elections (7 Days)

ACOS 12-6 Suffrage

Analyze the expansion of suffrage for its effect on the political system of the United States, including suffrage for non-property owners, women, African Americans, and persons eighteen years of age.

ACOS 12-7 State and Local Governments

Describe the process of local, state, and national elections, including the organization, role, and constituency of political parties.

ACOS 12-10 Political Parties

Evaluate roles political parties play in the functioning of the political system of the United States.

US Government 2nd Nine Weeks (45 days)

Unit 4 Legislative Branch (13 Days)

ACOS 12-11 The Legislative Branch

Evaluate constitutional provisions of the legislative branch of the government of the United States, including checks by the legislative branch on other branches of government.

Unit 5 Executive Branch (13 Days)

ACOS 12-12 The Executive Branch

Evaluate constitutional provisions of the executive branch of the government of the United States, including checks by the executive branch on other branches of government and powers, duties as head of state and head of government, the electoral process, and the Twenty-fifth Amendment.

ACOS 12-15 Domestic and Foreign Policies

Explain the role and consequences of domestic and foreign policy decisions, including scientific and technological advancements and humanitarian, cultural, economic, and political changes.

Unit 6 Judicial Branch (12 Days)

ACOS 12-13 The Judicial Branch

Evaluate constitutional provisions of the judicial branch of government of the United States, including checks by the judicial branch on other branches of government, limits on judicial power, and the process by which cases are argued before the United States Supreme Court.