

AP Gov Units Pacing 2018-19

*** All dates and topics are tentative ***

Unit 1: Foundations of Government

Essential Questions:

- How did the founders of the U.S. Constitution attempt to protect individual liberty, while also promoting public order and safety?
- How have theory, debate, and compromise influenced the U.S. constitutional system?
- How does development and interpretation of the Constitution influence policies that impact U.S. citizens?

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
Aug 8/9	Introductions, textbook, Summer CE	31/Sept 4	Ratification & Brutus 1
10/13	Role of Gov	5/6	FRQ Seminar
14/15	Types of Democracy & European Influences	7/10	Federalists Debrief
16/20	Declaration of Independence & Articles of Confederation	11/12	Federalism
17	** ALHS Academic Integrity Lesson **	13/14	Federalism Scavenger Hunt
21/22	** Weebly **	17/18	Fiscal Federalism
23-24/27	Articles of Confederation	19/20	Constitution USA
28/29	Constitution & Federalist Papers	21/24	Commerce Clause
30	** AP Econ Exam **		

Unit 2: Political Ideology & Beliefs

Essential Questions:

- How are American political beliefs formed and how do they evolve over time?
- How do political ideology and core values influence government policy making?

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
Sept 26/27	Ideology Quizzes	9/10	Polling
28/Oct 2	Political Socialization & American Political Values	11/12-15	Evaluation of Public Opinion Data
Oct 1	**Career & College Day **	16/17	Ideologies of Political Parties & Policy Making
3/4	Polling & Impact of Events on Political Ideology	18/19	Ideology & Economics and Social Policy

** 5 **	** AP Econ Exam Placeholder **	** 22 **	** AP Gov Unit 2 Exam **
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Unit 3: Political Participation

Essential Questions:

- How have changes in technology influenced political communication and behavior?
- Why do levels of participation and influence in politics vary?
- How effective are the various methods of political participation in shaping public policies?

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
Oct 23/24	Media	8/9	Linkages Inquiry
25/26	Changing Media	** 13 **	** AP Econ Exam Placeholder **
29/30	Voting Rights & Models of Voting Behavior	14/15	Electing POTUS
31/1	Voting Turnout & Political Parties	16/26	Electing Congress & Modern Campaigns
Nov 2/5	Political Parties	27/28	Campaign Finance
6/7	Interest Groups	*29-30*	** AP Gov Unit 3 Exam **

Unit 4: Legislature

Essential Questions:

- How do the branches of the national government compete and cooperate in order to govern?
- To what extent have changes in the powers of each branch affected how responsive and accountable the national government is in the 21st century?

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
Dec 3/4	Congress & Bicameral Legislature	Jan 7/8	Mock Congress
5/6	Structures, Powers & Functions	9/10	Mock Congress
7/10	Congressional Behavior- Organization & Oversight	11/14	Fishbowl
11/12	Incumbency	**15-16* *	** AP Gov Unit 4 Exam **
13/14	Separation of Powers Simulation		

Unit 5: Executive & Bureaucracy

Essential Questions:

- How do the branches of the national government compete and cooperate in order to govern?
- To what extent have changes in the powers of each branch affected how responsive and accountable the national government is in the 21st century?

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
Jan 17/18	Executive Branch	6/7	Article- TBA
22/23	Roles & Powers	8/11	Stackhouse Filibuster
24/25	Checks on the Executive	12/13	Bureaucracy
28/29	Expansion of the Presidency (Unilateral Power article)	14/15	Bureaucracy
30/31	Executive Organization	19/20	Fishbowl
** Feb 1 **	** AP Econ Exam Placeholder **	21/22-25	Writing FRQ
4/5	Executive Organization & POTUS and the Media	** 26-27 **	** AP Gov Unit 5 Exam **

Unit 6: Judiciary

Essential Questions:

- How do the branches of the national government compete and cooperate in order to govern?
- To what extent have changes in the powers of each branch affected how responsive and accountable the national government is in the 21st century?

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
Feb 28/1	Conversation with Chief Justice Roberts	13/14	How SCOTUS Works
March 4/5	Judicial Branch	15/18	Judicial Philosophy & Interpretation
7/8	<i>Federalist 78</i>	** 19 **	** AP Gov Unit 6 Exam **
11/12	Nomination & Selection		

Unit 7: Civil Rights & Liberties

Essential Questions:

- To what extent do the U.S. Constitution and its amendments protect against undue government infringement on essential liberties and from invidious discrimination?
- How have U.S. Supreme Court rulings defined civil liberties and civil rights?

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
March 20/21	Bill of Rights	9/10	Selective Incorporation
22/1	1st Amendment	11/12	Due Process
April 2/3	2nd Amendment	16/16	Social Movements
** 4 **	** AP Econ Exam Placeholder **	17/18	Social Movements
5/8	Amendments: Balancing Freedom & Order	** 19 **	** AP Gov Unit 7 Exam **

AP Exam Review

Date	Topic
April 22/23	Review Quilt
24/25	Review Stations
26/29	Review Jenga
30/1	FRQ Seminar
2/3	Big Ideas Review

***** AP Gov Exam May 6th *****