



US Government and Citizenship

PRIORITY
STANDARDS

1. Understand concepts and processes in political science and US government.
2. Identify, explain, and apply decisions of the US Supreme Court.
3. Analyze quantitative information and data in political science and US government.
4. Analyze qualitative information and data in political science and US government.
5. Demonstrate critical thinking and reasoning.

COURSE
CONTENT

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1. **Examine the foundations of American Government.**
 - Principles of constitutional government
 - Origins and creation of the US Constitution
 - Articles and amendments
 2. **Investigate the protections and privileges of individuals and groups in the United States.**
 - Bill of Rights
 - Landmark Supreme Court cases
 - Key legislation protecting individual rights
 3. **Analyze the distribution of government power in the United States.**
 - Federalism
 - Congressional organization, function, and powers
 - Executive organization, function, and powers
 - Judicial organization, function, and powers
 4. **Examine fiscal policies and decisions.**
 - Economic philosophies
 - The budget
 - Revenue streams
 5. **Understand how citizens participate in government.**
 - Responsibility and definition of citizenship
 - Elections and voting
 - Political parties
 - Interest groups and mass media
 6. **Investigate the position of the United States in the world today.**
 - United States' international relations