

## **Participation in Government- (Self-Contained):**

### **-Presidential Elections**

-Picking a running mate, political ads, political parties, primaries, campaign finance, polling, elector college, should those who commit felonies vote, interest groups, gerrymandering, registering to vote, voting, voting rights act.

### **-Democratic Governments**

-Federalism, Constitution, amendments, branches of government, citizenship, impeachment process, how a bill becomes a law, bureaucracy, lobbying, how does public opinion shape domestic and foreign policy, how can polling affect local and national policy, how does the American welfare system benefit citizens, how do interest groups influence public opinion and policy.

### **-Civic Participation**

What is a primary or credible source, media bias, jury duty, taxes, should there be compulsory military service, why do people volunteer for national service programs, how does civic education promote informed and active citizenship, political parties, interest groups,

### **-Justice**

Should teenagers be tried in court as adults for serious crimes, current criminal justice, capital punishment, restorative justice, civil court.

### **-State and Local Government**

How do mayors, city councils, and community handle local issues, what is a budget- why do towns and cities need to budget.

## **Economics (Self-Contained)**

### **-What is Economics**

Scarcity, choices, and cost, cost and benefit of choices, consumers and producers, factors of production, incentives, supply and demand, factors affecting supply and demand, economic systems, banks, savers, and borrowers, government and taxes.

### **-Personal Finance**

-Bank accounts, credit cards, writing checks, budgeting, wants and needs, earning Income, entrepreneur vs employee, basic services of banks, borrowing and credit, advertising claims, comparison shopping, climbing out of debt, taxes, insurance, scams and identity theft.