

Unit 1 Government

Grade Level: 8

Subject: American History

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<p>Overview & Purpose</p> <p>AH8:2 Students will explain and compare the different forms of government, the branches of the United States Government and how they work together, as well as the roles of state, county and city governments.</p>	<p>Education Standards Addressed</p> <p>AH8:2-1 describe the origins of democracy such as the Magna Carta and Mayflower Compact AH8:2-2 identify the offices, duties and responsibilities of the Legislative Branch AH8:2-3 identify the offices, duties and responsibilities of the Executive Branch AH8:2-4 identify the offices, duties and responsibilities of the Judicial Branch AH8:2-5 explain how checks and balances works and why it is important AH8:2-6 identify the rights given to citizens through the Bill of Rights AH8:2-7 explain the differences between the rights and responsibilities of US citizens AH8:2-8 explain the role of state governments within the United States AH8:2-9 describe the branches of Nebraska state government and the offices within that government AH8:2-10 describe the different types of local government and identify the responsibilities of the different offices</p>
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Learning Guide		
<p>Objectives (Specify skills/information that will be learned.)</p>	<p>Explain the meaning of the terms civic life, politics, and government. Explain the essential ideas of American constitutional government. Explain how the powers of the national government are distributed, shared, and limited. Explain how the world is organized politically. Explain the meaning of American citizenship.</p>	<p>Materials Needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper • Pencil • Others • Internet • Computer
<p>Information (Give and/or demonstrate necessary information)</p>	<p>http://oxpower.wordpress.com/early-america/ iCivics www.icivics.org/ Annenberg Institute for Civics http://www.annenbergclassroom.org/ A Promise of Freedom (Video) Branches of Government (Game) Interactive Constitution</p>	
<p>Verification (Steps to check for student understanding)</p>	<p>Essential Questions: What are Civic Life, Politics, and Government? What are the Foundations of the American Political System? How Does the Government Established by the Constitution Embody the Purposes, Values, and Principles of American Democracy? What is the Relationship of the United States to Other Nations and to World Affairs? What are the Roles of the Citizen in American Democracy?</p>	<p>Other Resources http://www.constitutionfacts.com/ Declaration of Independence Vocabulary Activities Constitution Vocabulary Activities Seize the Vote Game</p>
<p>Activity (Describe the independent activity to reinforce this lesson)</p>	<p>Project – Follow and analyze the current election at the local, state, and/or national levels.</p>	
<p>Summary</p>	<p>Tutorials</p>	<p>Additional Notes</p>