



HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SCOPE & SEQUENCE

Semester 1 '10 – '11 Department: Social Science Course: AP U.S. Government & Politics Instructor(s): Coates

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WEEK	COLLEGE READINESS AND/OR COLLEGE BOARD CONTENT STANDARDS	INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT	ACTIVITIES, READINGS, LABS, AND/OR ASSIGNMENTS	MAJOR ASSESSMENTS	OTHER
WEEK #1 8/16 – 8/20 No school: 8/16 & 8/17	U.I.A & B CR8	What is politics? Analyzing charts, graphs and political cartoons.	Handouts from census data, recent political cartoons		Foreword, Introduction, Chapter 1
WEEK #2 8/23 – 8/27	CR 2 U.I. 2.A & B U.I.3-5 CR 7	American Political Culture and Individualism; Demographics of U.S.; Ideology	Computer lab – surveying one's ideology		Chapter 1
WEEK #3 8/30 – 9/3 PLC day: 9/3	CR 1 CR 5 CR7 CR9 U.II.1	Policy Primer; Preparing for AP Gov Exams; Foundations of U.S. government		Unit 1 Exam	Chapter1 1
WEEK #4 9/6 – 9/10 No school: 9/6	CR 1 CR8 U.II.2 U.II.3.A-C	Articles of Confederation; Constitution – Strengthening the	Articles of Confederation; U.S. Constitution Federalist Papers – No. 10 and 51		Chapter 2



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Pep assembly: 9/10		national government while limiting its power			
WEEK #5 9/13 – 9/17	CR 1 CR 9 U.II.3.D-E	Ratifying the Constitution; How to Amend the Constitution		Unit 2 Exam	Chapter 2
WEEK #6 9/20 – 9/24 PLC day: 9/24	CR2 U.III.A U.III.B.1	Review Exam; Overview of Federalist System; Growth of National Government over time;			Chapter 3
WEEK #7 9/27 – 10/1	CR 2 CR 8 CR 9 U.III.B.2-7 U.IV.1.A	Fiscal Federalism; Review Exam Introduction to Civil Liberties; Incorporation and the 14 th Amendment	Court Cases; Hate Speech reading and paper assigned	Unit 3 Exam	Chapter 3 and 5
WEEK #8 10/4 – 10/8 PLC day: 10/8	CR 6 CR 8 U.IV.B-D.	Freedom of Religion, Expression and Assembly	TLO v. New Jersey: Moot Court		Chapter 5
WEEK #9 10/11 – 10/15 No school: 10/11 All School Testing: 10/13	CR 6 CR 8 CR 5 U.IV. E-H.	Rights of the Accused and Right to Privacy; Civil Liberties in time of War	Court cases	Hate Speech Due; After school viewing of “Gideon’s Trumpet” for extra credit	Chapter 5



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WEEK #10 10/18 – 10/22 End of 1 st Quarter: 10/22	CR 6 CR 9	Finish Civil Liberties; Possible Guest Speaker on Rights of the Accused; Review Exam;	Unit 4 Exam	Chapter 5	
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WEEK #11 10/25 –10/29 PLC day: 10/29	CR 6 U.V.1.A-B.	Roots of legal discrimination; path to Brown v. Board	View Little Rock 9 section of “Eyes on the Prize”.		Chapter 6 Chapter 6
WEEK #12 11/1 – 11/5 Parent/teacher Conferences: 11/4 No school: 11/5	CR 6 CR 8 CR 5 U.V.1.C. U.V.2.A.	Finish Civil Rights movements; Gender and Civil Rights	Court Cases	Affirmative Action in Higher Education assigned	Chapter 6
WEEK #13 11/8 –11/12 No school: 11/11	CR 6 CR 9 U.V.3-4	Affirmative Action and the 3 Scrutiny tests	Court Cases	Unit 5 Exam; Affirmative Action in Higher Ed. due	Chapter 6
WEEK #14 11/15 –11/19 PLC day: 11/19	CR 2 CR 7 U.VI.1-2.	Review Exam; Polls, Political Socialization	Hooked on Polls and The Phantom Public assigned along with paper		Chapter 11
WEEK #15 11/22 – 11/26 No school: 11/25 &11/26	CR 2 CR 9 CR 3 U.VI.3 U.VII.3.A.B.1	Current attitudes towards government; Introduction to Interest groups	Research IG ratings of IL government officials	Polls paper due; Unit 6 Quiz	Chapter 16
WEEK #16	CR 3	How IG’s influence	Interest Group research;	IG research paper	Chapter 16



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11/29 – 12/3	CR 8 U.VII.B.2-4 U.VII.C.2.	government, electioneering, iron triangles	Rozell and Wilcox article on the influence of IG's	assigned	
WEEK #17 12/6 – 12/10 PLC day: 12/10	CR 3 U.VII.1.A-C.	Parties: What do they do and why only 2? Third Parties	Third Party Research	Third Party Presentations	Chapter 12
WEEK #18 12/13 –12/17	CR 3 CR 8 U.VII.2.A-B.	Party eras, Parties in decline? What is News? Relationship between politicians and the press	Paper on Larry Sabato article “Feeding Frenzy” Assigned; Exploring the Blogosphere assignment	Unit 7 Exam	Chapter 12 and 15
WEEK #19 1/3 – 1/7	CR 3 U.VIII.1.A.1-5	Obstacles to in-depth coverage, Impact of Media, Review for Final	Review all readings	Feeding Frenzy paper due; Review Materials	Chapter 15
WEEK #20 1/10 – 1/14 Finals: 1/11 – 1/13 Marking Day 1/14	CR 9	Final Exam	Review all readings		



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WEEK #1 1/17 – 1/21 No school: 1/17	CR 2 CR 5 U.VIII.1.B U.IX.1.A.	Review Final; How politicians use media; Nominations and Primary campaigns – how they've changed since 1968			Chapter 13 & 14
WEEK #2 1/24 – 1/28 PLC day: 1/28	CR 2 U.IX.2.	General elections; Modern Presidential Campaign; Impact of Campaigns		Assign Voter Behavior and the 2008 Presidential Election: Quarterly Project	Chapter 13 & 14
WEEK #3 1/31 – 2/4	CR 2 CR 8 U.IX.3 – 5A-B.	Campaign Finance, Electoral College; Voting and voter behavior	Putting the electoral college on trial		Chapter 13 & 14



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WEEK #4 2/7 – 2/11 PLC day: 2/11	CR 2 CR 9 CR 4 U.IX. 5.C & 6. U.X.1	Finish voter behavior; Congressional representation	Outside reading on Voter Behavior: Why people abstain from voting	Unit 9 Exam	
WEEK #5 2/14 – 2/18	CR 4 CR 7 CR 8 U.X.2.	Congressional Elections & Gerrymandering; Incumbency advantage	Advantages of Incumbency- Outside reading and paper assigned Gerrymandering map		Chapter 7
WEEK #6 2/21 – 2/25 No school: 2/21 PLC day: 2/25	CR 4 CR 5 CR 9 U.X.3-4.	How congress is organized; Legislative process	How a bill becomes a law	Voter Behavior and the 2008 Presidential Election Due; Unit 10 Test on Congress	Chapter 7
WEEK #7 2/28 – 3/4	CR 4 CR 5 CR 8 U.XI.1-2A.	Formal v. Informal qualifications for president; Presidency power and growth of power	Power of the Presidency: Outside reading and paper	Incumbency Advantage Paper Due	Chapter 8
WEEK #8 3/7 – 3/11 No School: 3/7 & 3/8	CR 4 U.XI.2.B-C.3.	President, congress & the public; National Security Presidential Advisors	View video: The Power Game	Power of Presidency Paper Due	Chapter 8
WEEK #9 3/14 – 3/18 PLC day: 3/18	CR 4 CR 5 CR 7 U.XII.1.A-B.	Development of the Federal Budget	Bring calculators for Budget Math Basics		Chapter 8 Part of Chapter 18



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WEEK #10 3/21 – 3/25 End of 3rd Quarter: 3/25	CR 4 CR 9 U.XII.1C-D. U.XII.2.A.	Review for Presidential and Budge Exam; Pass out AP Exam Review books and discuss AP review schedule; Introduction of Federal Bureaucracy		Unit 11 Test on Presidency	Chapter 8 Part of Chapter 18
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WEEK #11 4/4 – 4/8	CR 4 CR 8 U.XII.3.A-B.	Organization of Bureaucracy; Policymaking role	Who regulates your hamburger? Outside reading- who controls the bureaucracy: Fire alarm v. police patrol methods		
WEEK #12 4/11 – 4/15 PLC day: 4/15	CR 4 CR 9 U.XII.3.C. U.XIII.1.A.	Reforming and controlling the Bureaucracy; Structure and function of the Judicial Branch	Look for after school review sessions for AP exam	Unit 12 Test on Bureaucracy	Chapter 9
WEEK #13 4/18- 4/22 No school: 4/22	CR 4 CR 8 U.XIII.2 – 4.A. 1-4	Judicial Selection; Supreme Court Eras; Supreme Court as Policymaker	Look for after school review sessions for AP exam; Outside reading on Original Jurisdiction Supreme Court Resumes	Look for after school review sessions for AP exam	Chapter 10
WEEK #14 4/25 – 4/29 PSAE: 4/27 & 4/28	CR 9 U.XIII.4.A.5-7, B.	Implementation; Judicial Philosophy and Temperament	Look for after school review sessions for AP exam	Unit 13 Test on Supreme Court	Chapter 10
WEEK #15 5/2 – 5/6	CR 1- 6	In-class reviews for AP Exam	Look for after school review sessions for AP exam	AP Exam – NEXT Tuesday!	



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PLC day: 5/6					
WEEK #16 5/9 – 5/13	CR 1-6	Exam: Monday Post-exam reflection Policy Design Project Assigned.		AP Exam May 10, 8 am, Room 101 North	
WEEK #17 5/16 – 5/20 PLC day: 5/20	CR 5 CR 7 CR 8 CR 9 U.XIV.1.A.	Policy Design group project	Library and Computer lab research	Quarterly Project: Interest Groups and policy design	Chapter 17 & 18 in textbook
WEEK #18 5/23 – 5/27 Seniors’ last day: 5/26	CR 5 CR 7 CR 8 CR 9 U.XIV.1.A.	Policy Presentations; Review for Final		Interest Groups policy proposal presentations	
WEEK #19 5/30 – 6/3 No school: 5/30 Final Exams: 5/31 – 6/2 Marking Day: 6/3	CR 9			Final Exam	