



Mr. Conn's 11th Grade American Government Syllabus

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Course Objectives:

By the end of the course you will know:

- Difference between credible and non-credible sources of information
- Origins of American Government
- Basic Principles of the Government of the United States of America
- Difference between Federalist and Anti-Federalist Papers and viewpoints
- Process for creating an amendment to the U.S. Constitution
- Why the Bill of Rights was created
- Each Amendment in the Bill of Rights (1-10)
- Reconstruction Era Amendments (13-15) & how they addressed the aftermath of Slavery & Civil War
- Progressive Era Amendments (16-19) & how they addressed calls for reform during Progressive Era
- Four Amendments that have provided extensions of suffrage to disenfranchised groups (15, 19, 24, 26)
- Five Amendments that have altered provisions for presidential election, terms and succession to address changing historical circumstances (12, 20, 22, 23, 25)
- Three Unique Historical Circumstance Amendments (11, 21, 27)
- Basic Role of each branch of government
- Difference between powers and responsibilities of U.S. Senate & U.S. House of Representatives
- How a bill becomes a law (I'm just a bill...)
- Basic role of each branch of government in shaping public policy
- Constitutional requirements & powers of the Presidency
- Constitutional requirements & powers of the Supreme Court
- Checks & Balances of the three branches of government
- Civil Rights & Civil Liberties
- Political Parties & their functions
- Political Spectrum
- Political Process- interest groups, media, polls, politics and their impact on shaping outcome of elections
- State & local Government
- Ohio Constitution of 1851 problems & how they were addressed
- How Ohio's Governmental structure complements the structure of the Federal Government
- Economic and tax policies
- Federal Reserve System and tools to regulate nation's money supply

Course Pacing: *Tentative*

***1st 9 Weeks: Foundations of American Government (8/17/16 → 10/20/16)**

1. Credible & Non-Credible Resources
 - a. Primary & Secondary sources
 - b. Identifying Bias & Types of Bias
2. Origins of American Government (Chapter 2)
 - a. The Roots of American Democracy
 - b. American Independence
 - American Revolution
 - c. Articles of Confederation
 - Why did it fail?
 - d. Constitutional Convention
 - e. Ratifying the Bill of Rights
 - Federalist & Antifederalist Roles
3. United States Constitution (Chapter 3)
 - a. Basic Principles of the U.S. Constitution
 - b. Federalist vs. Antifederalist Positions
 - c. Interpretation of Constitution
4. 27 Constitutional Amendments (Chapter 3)
 - a. Process of amending U.S. Constitution
 - b. Bill of Rights (1-10)
 - c. Reconstruction Era (13-15)
 - d. Progressive Era (16-19)
 - e. Suffrage Amendments (15, 19, 24, 26)
 - f. Presidential Amendments (12, 20, 22, 23, 25)
 - g. Unique Circumstance (11, 21, 27)

***2nd 9 Weeks: Three Branches of American Government (10/24/16 → 1/13/17)**

1. Legislative Branch (Chapter 5-8)
 - a. Role & members
 - i. House of Representatives powers and responsibilities
 - ii. Senate powers and responsibilities
 - iii. House & Senate representation
 - b. Constitutional Requirements of House & Senate
 - c. Constitutional Powers of House and Senate
 - d. Process of a Bill to a Law
2. Executive Branch (Chapter 9-12)
 - a. Role & members
 - i. Presidency
 - ii. Cabinet
 - b. Constitutional Requirements of Presidency
 - c. Constitutional Powers of Presidency
3. Judicial Branch (Chapter 13-16)
 - a. Role & members
 - i. Supreme Court
 - b. Constitutional requirements of Supreme Court Justices
 - c. Constitutional Powers of Supreme Court Justices

***3rd 9 Weeks: Civil Liberties & Civil Rights (1/17/17 → 3/17/17)**

1. Civil Liberties
 - a. Protecting Constitutional Rights
 - b. 1st Amendment Freedoms
 - c. Crime & Punishment
2. Civil Rights
 - a. Reconstruction Era Amendments
 - b. Changes in Voting Rights

- c. Identify an issue related to denial of civil rights and explain how one branch helped extend civil rights
- 3. Elections & Civic Participation (Chapter 17-20)
 - a. The Political Process
 - b. Understanding Elections

*4th 9 Weeks: State & Local Government, Review, & Economic Policies (3/20/17 →5/24/17)

- 1. State & Local Government
 - a. Ohio Constitution of 1851
- 2. Review for State of Ohio American Government Test (AIR TEST)
 - a. Identifying Bias
 - b. Origins of American Government (Chapter 2)
 - i. Articles of Confederation
 - ii. Federalist vs. Antifederalist debate
 - c. U.S. Constitution (Chapter 3)
 - i. Basic Principles
 - ii. Amendments
 - 1. Process
 - 2. Groupings
 - d. Three Branches of Government (Chapters 5-16)
 - i. Checks & Balances of each branch on another
 - ii. Roles, responsibilities, & powers according to the Constitution
 - e. Civil Liberties & Rights (Chapter 15)
 - f. The Political Process & Understanding Elections (Chapter 17-20)
 - g. Ohio Constitution & Government
 - h. Public Policy
 - i. Economics
- 3. Economic Policy
 - a. Fiscal Policy

***Resources:**

Textbook:

**United States Government: Principles in Practice*

You are allowed to take a book home, just sign it out at my desk.

Online Access

- Book Website: <https://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/connected/login.do>
- Redemption Code: QSG1-Q3NP-TOCQ
- Create a new account and record log-in information for future visits.

Class Website:

One stop for all information related to Mr. Conn's Government class. Everything we cover in class & additional information can all be found at... www.mrconngovernment.weebly.com

Schoology:

Codes for class are posted on the wall in Mr. Conn's classroom & class website

Sign up and you will receive notifications about assignments, worksheets, and projects

Quizlet: MrConnGovernment (link on website)

Sign up with your name & join the correct class

Study & Review terms from each chapter & topic

- Compete with students from class using review games
- Over 170 government related terms

Apps:

*The U.S. Constitution & Federalist Papers

- Outline of Constitution
- Original wording with explanation in today's terms
- All 27 Amendments & All Federalist Papers