



CIVICS & US GOVERNMENT

AN INQUIRY & PROJECT BASED COURSE

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COURSE BUNDLE

Inquiry-Driven • Project-Based

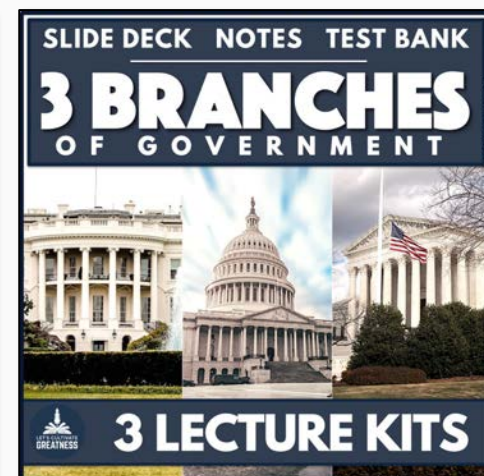
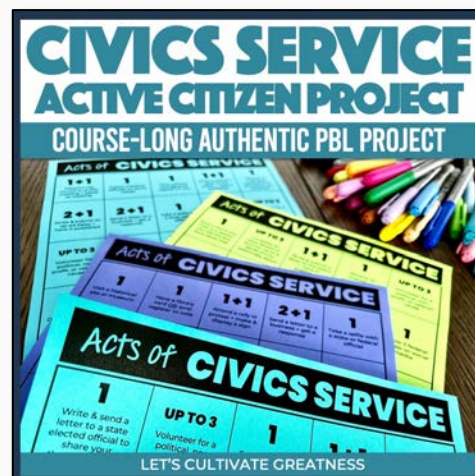
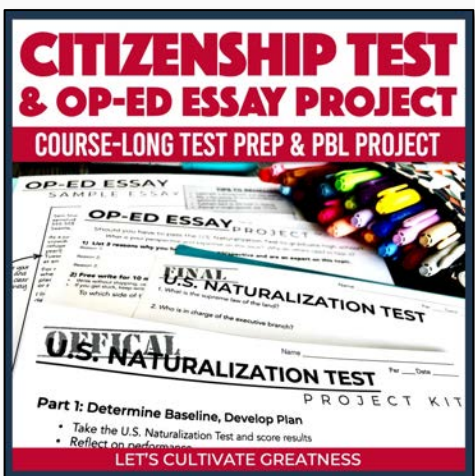
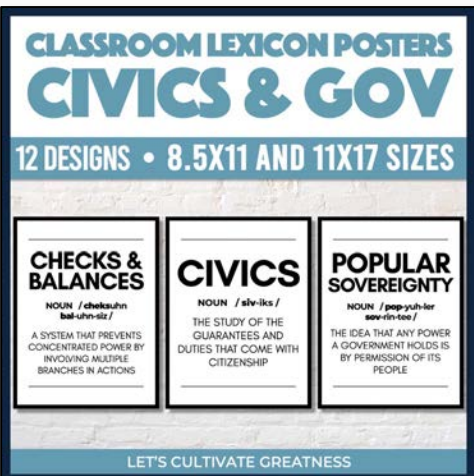
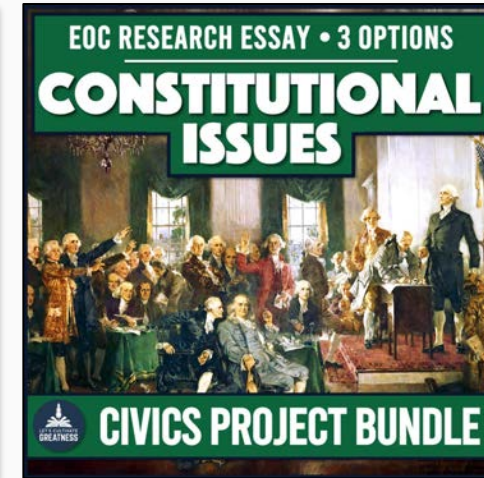
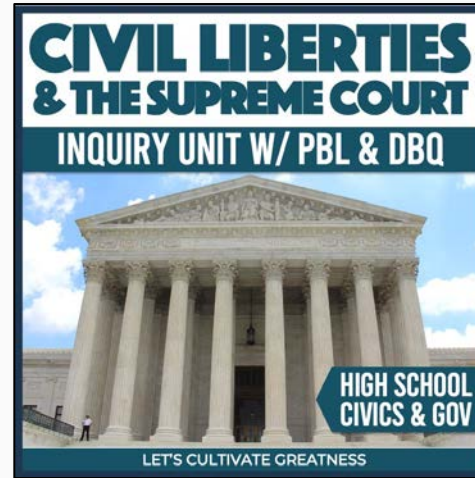
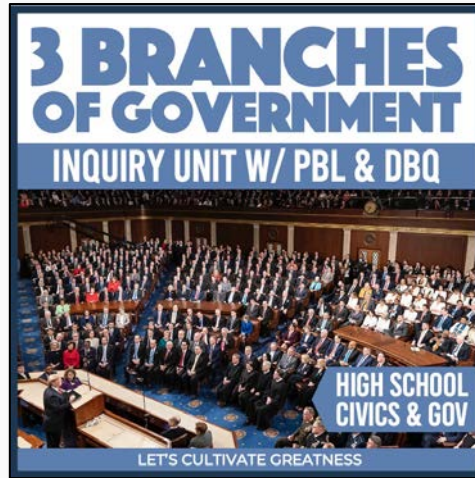
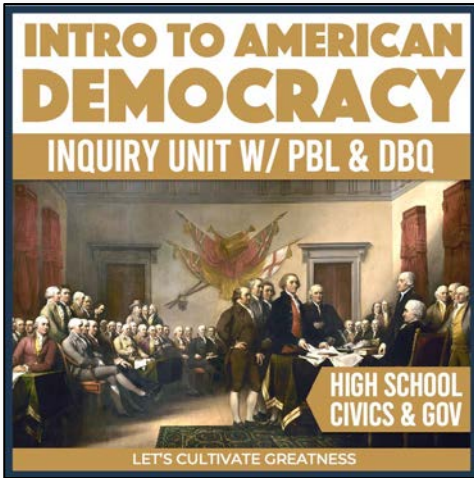
Stop **drill-and-kill**ing the minutia of the Constitution and **start empowering** your students to be informed and active citizens.

- ✓ 4 inquiry-driven, PBL, source-based units
- ✓ Capstone research project
- ✓ All student activities in print PDF & Google files
- ✓ Daily lesson plans, answer keys, pacing guides, & instructional slides
- ✓ Free updates for life

RELEVANT RIGOROUS READY-TO-GO

Just some of WHAT'S INCLUDED

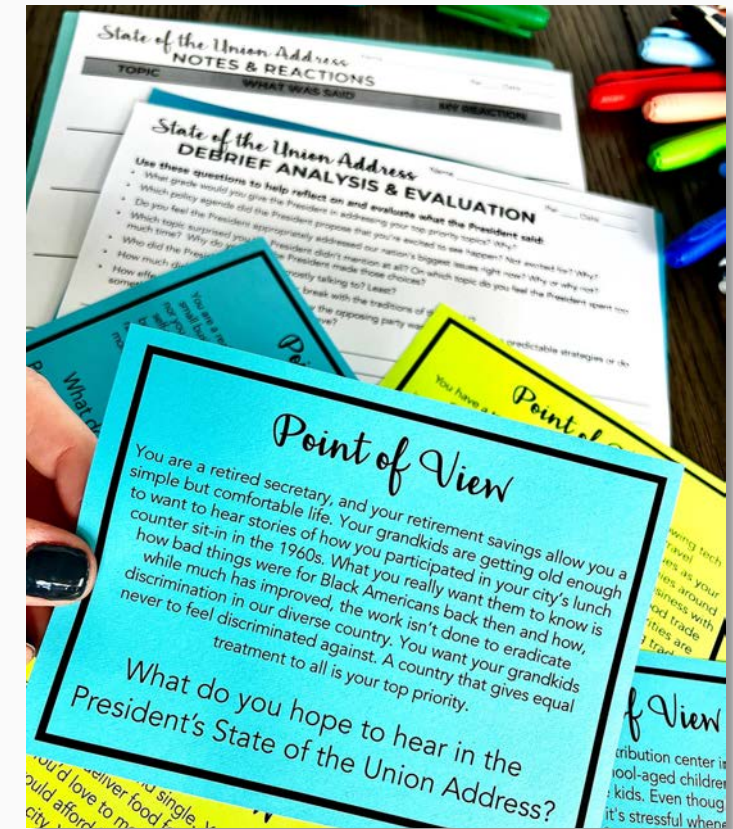
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Who IS THIS MADE FOR?

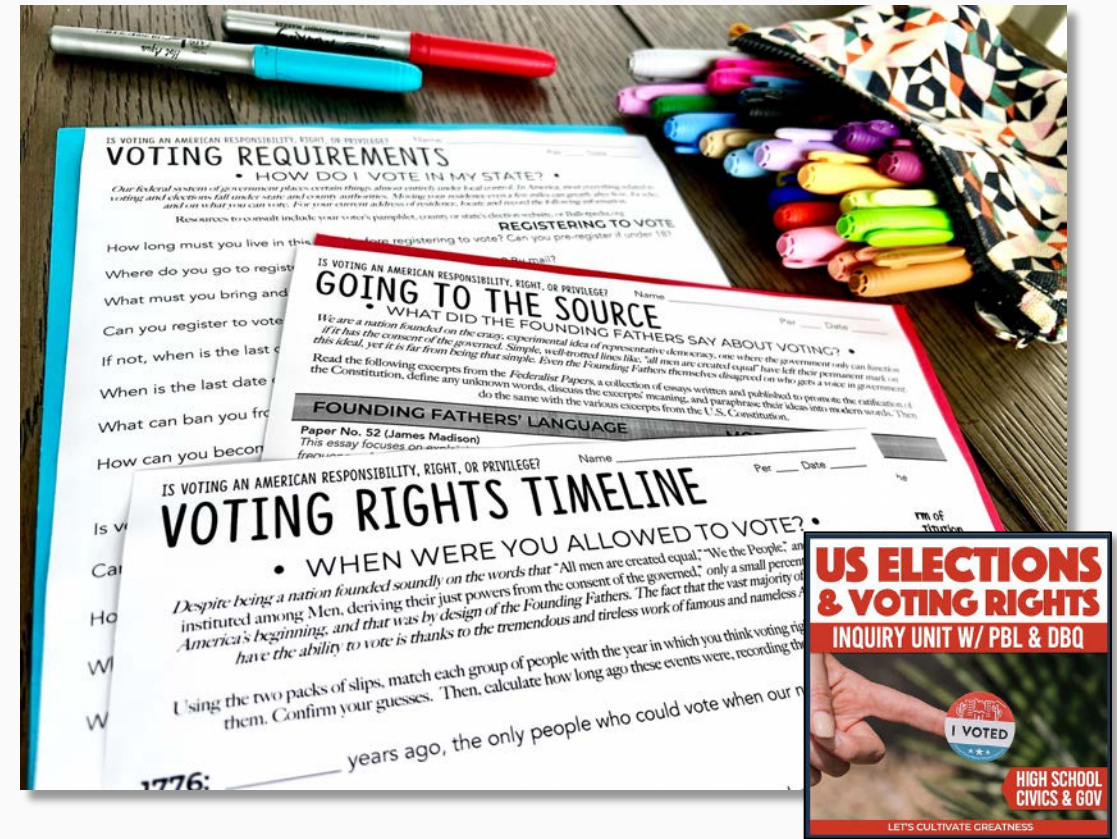
- ✓ Is **in a rut** with current Civics curriculum
- ✓ Has **previously taught or is familiar** with Civics & US Government content
- ✓ Is **intrigued by using inquiry and PBL** to liven up content
- ✓ Has the **flexibility to also focus on writing and research skills**, and student driven-learning
- ✓ Is **free from following** a specific textbook or strict pacing guide
- ✓ Likes **low-tech** activities that focus on collaboration and student talk



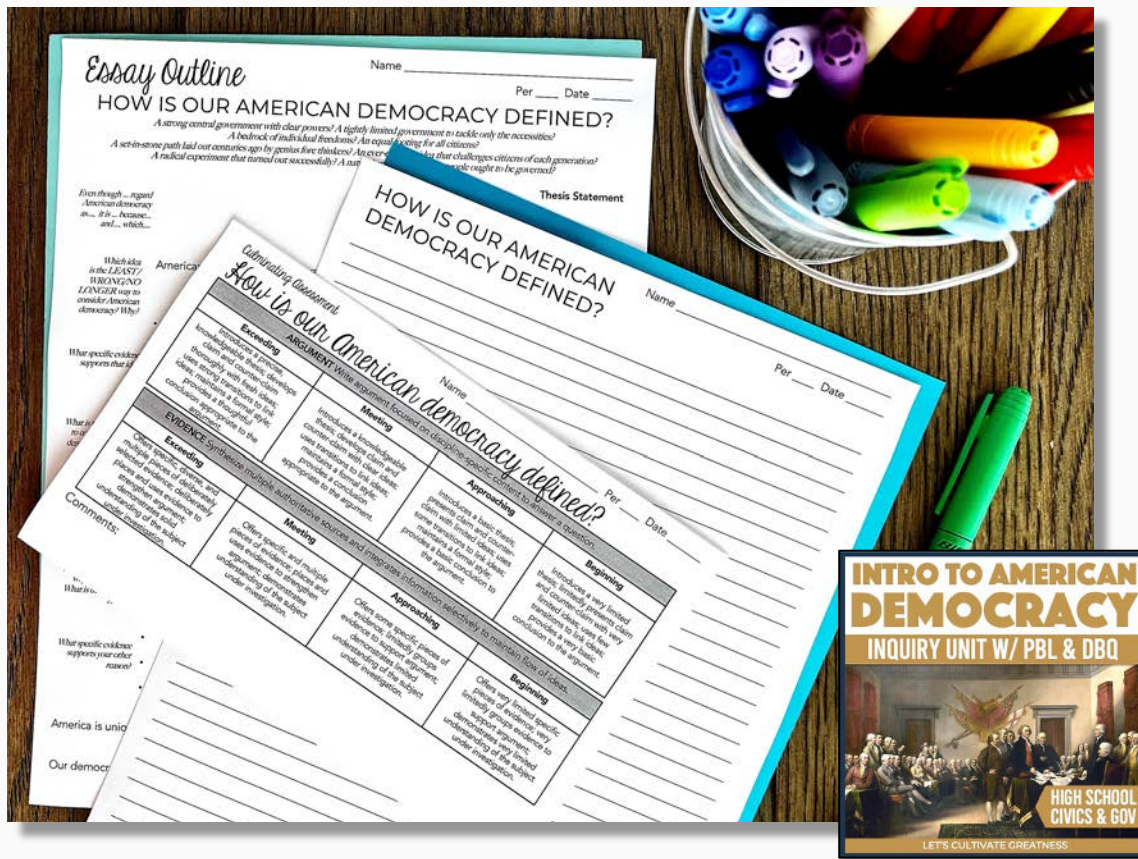
TOPICS COVERED

include

Key Constitutional Principles
Founding Documents
Other Forms of Government
Voting Issues & Election Prep
Structure & Basics of all 3 Branches
How a Bill Becomes a Law
Core Civil Liberties
Landmark Supreme Court Cases
Theory vs Reality for How Modern
Government Works
Current Constitutional & Political Issues
Sourcing, Researching, & Writing Skills



“ This course is the best product I’ve ever purchased on TPT. I read her blog, where she explains how to execute all the assignments. It really challenges your set-in your ways style of teaching, even if you're new. I love it so so much! - Casidy ”



EACH UNIT *includes*

- ✓ Unit & daily inquiry questions
- ✓ Unit overview, detailed lesson plans, & answer keys
- ✓ Pacing guide with standards
- ✓ Mix of activities – solo and group, investigative and reflective, plus projects with every unit
- ✓ Daily opener & closing tasks
- ✓ DBQ-Style summative essay tests
- ✓ Print-and-go paper **and** fully editable Google file options of every student resource

“ This course is a **must-have** for a new Civics/ Government teacher or an experienced teacher seeking to change it up. The lessons were **clear, organized and provided all necessary information** (including teacher keys and rubrics) to save time and energy. There were many engaging lessons and activities. - Tara ”

AUTHENTIC PROJECTS

in every unit

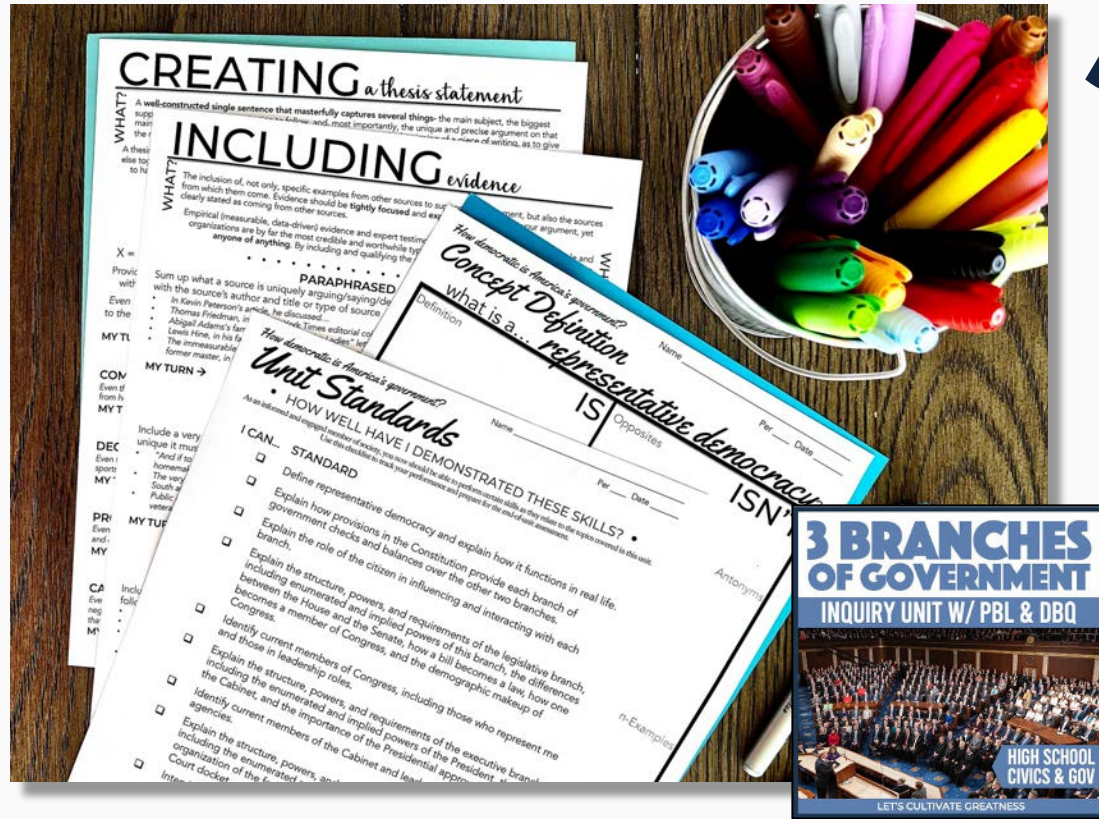
- ✓ **Develop** personal mission statements for year
- ✓ **Vote** in a mock election
- ✓ **Interview** a community member about their thoughts on government
- ✓ **Research & create** a political message button
- ✓ **Complete** community service projects
- ✓ **Study for & take** the US Naturalization Test



“ I love this product. I have never done PBL; however, this course helped me **transform my classroom and teaching style**. Very adaptable lessons. Easy-to-use guides with **very little to no additional preparation**.
EXCELLENT! – Joseph H. ”

SUPPORTS

in every unit



- ✓ Contextual info, sequential student directions, and lesson takeaways for every activity
- ✓ Sentence starters for lesson-closing formative assessments
- ✓ Detailed answer keys
- ✓ Source analysis, research, and writing skill how-to handouts
- ✓ Step-by-step projects & essays
- ✓ Student-friendly rubrics & examples
- ✓ Essay brainstorming & outlining help

This course is an absolute lifesaver! The lessons are easy to implement and complete. The **instructions are super clear**, and the students enjoy the discussion and group activities. Forever grateful and will definitely be buying more from this creator in the future! – **Elise P.**

1 Foundations of AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Exploring Constitutional principles with political cartoons & gummy bears

Closely analyzing Declaration, Preamble, Federalist & Anti-Federalist Papers excerpts

Contrasting other forms of government with examples & gummy bears

Analyzing recent Pew data & current events

Listening to engaging podcasts on these principles

“ This unit is pound-for-pound **the best I have purchased!** Downloaded as a PDF or Google Slides, the assignments are easily paced and aligned. I print off materials and post them on Classroom. I will be purchasing more!! – Kara G. ”





23 BRANCHES *of government*

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Closely reading & analyzing Articles 1, 2, 3 of the Constitution

Exploring checks & balances, including the people's power to check government

Researching the current members of Congress, Cabinet, & Supreme Court

Analyzing current demographic data of officials in the federal government

Researching current elected officials' job approvals & Supreme Court docket

Examining political cartoons

“ This unit helped to connect the **branches of government to everyday life**. It's a great project with LOTS of good resources and information! –

Kelsey F.

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CIVIL LIBERTIES & Supreme Court

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Closely reading key Constitution & Bill of Rights excerpts

Contrasting strict and loose interpretation styles

Researching the current members of the Supreme Court

Creating posters of landmark Supreme Court decisions

Exploring the role and workings of federal judges

Researching current job approvals & Supreme Court docket

“My students **love the depth of this PBL**. They truly embraced studying each of the civil liberties and their Constitutional Rights in relation to the Supreme Court.
– Latricia D.”



4 VOTING, PARTIES & elections

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Closely reading founding document excerpts on voting rights

Exploring & contrasting political party platforms

Researching & discussing current candidates and ballot measures

Examining voter party maps

Analyzing voter turnout data

Watching & evaluating candidate debates & print ads

Analyzing political cartoons



“ This is a great unit-- it's hard to find higher level civics projects. This one allows **students to discover on their own, while still including a teacher-centered grasp.** FANTASTIC resource with everything I needed. – Fellow TPT Seller ”

5 *Culminating*

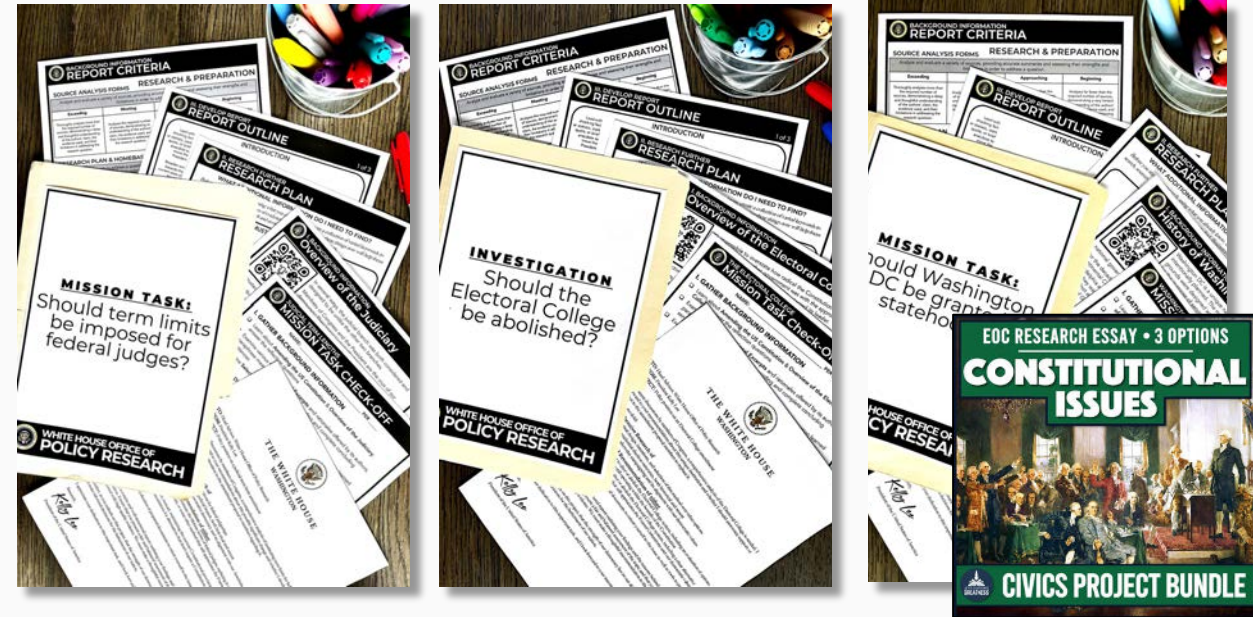
RESEARCH ESSAY

Is it time for a 28th Amendment?

Three hotly-debated constitutional issues included in this **capstone PBL project bundle!**

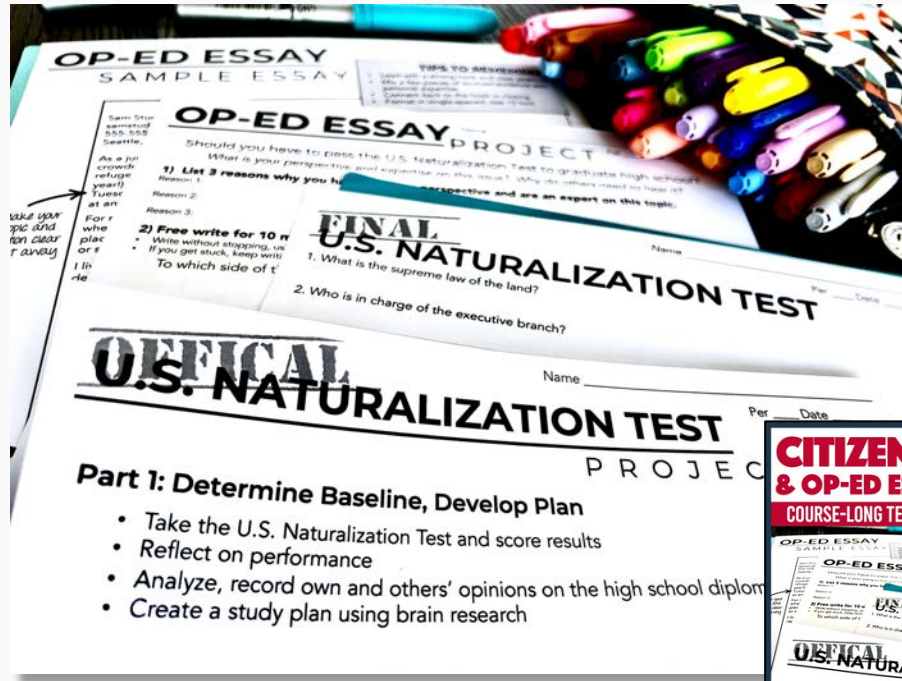
Students **take on the role of advisors** to the President as they **research & write thesis-driven essays** recommending what position the President should take.

- ✓ **Background readings** activities
- ✓ **Step-by-step research & outlining** forms tailored to all 3 topics
- ✓ **Student-friendly rubrics** for easy assessing
- ✓ **Research & writing how-to** reference handouts for supporting every skill
- ✓ **Tons of supports** from start to finish!

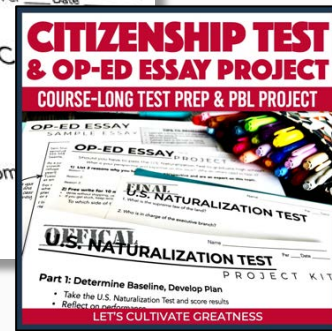


“A comprehensive research project that served as an excellent cumulative, Constitution-based, end-of-year project for my Government students. – Fellow TPT Seller”

COURSE-LONG PROJECTS *options*



4-Part Naturalization Test Series build long-term learning of everything covered plus debate if it should be a high school graduation requirement

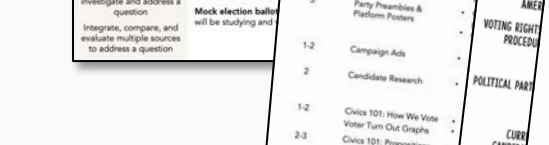
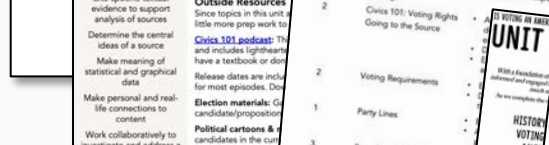
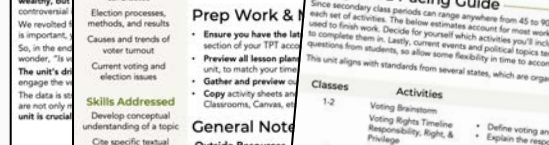
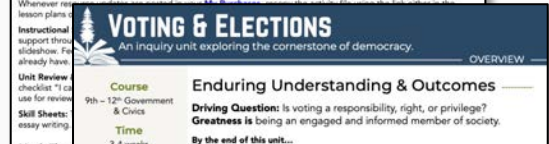
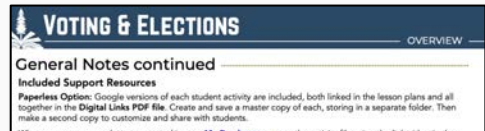


Civics Service Project encourage real civic participation with several doable actions and multiple ways to integrate into your class requirements



TAKE A PEEK inside

every LESSON



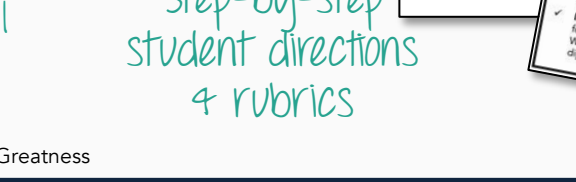
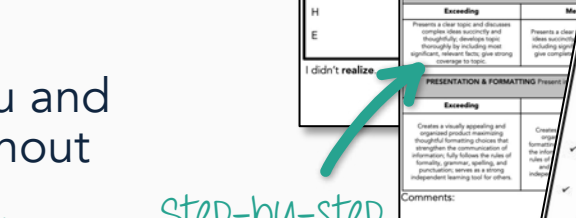
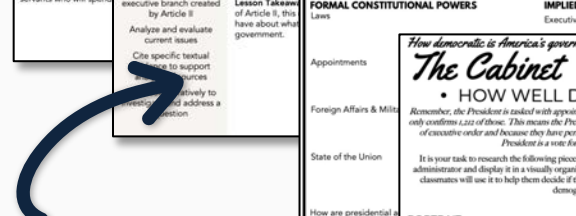
Unit Overviews give you a bird's eye view of everything at once!

Pacing guide & standards

Lesson Plans come with step-by-step directions

Supports and guidance for you and students throughout

student-friendly "I can..." statements



Helpful planning tips

step-by-step lesson plans

Wide range of activities to choose from!

Daily Inquiry & Background context



Relevant & real-world connections

step-by-step student directions & rubrics

FREQUENTLY ASKED *questions*

What do you mean by “Inquiry-Driven” and “Project-Based”?

Inquiry-driven means using an intriguing question to guide your unit. Good ones correct misconceptions, dig into paradoxes, and challenge beliefs. Activities are framed to build on each other for students to develop a nuanced, supported answer by the end of the unit.

Project-based means content and skills culminate in an authentic, real-world project that students work towards all unit long. Each unit contains one of these projects, but if you are short on time, you can easily omit any one of them.

This course takes a “less is more” approach, rather than “drill and kill.” They cover core civics topics through focused angles, allowing more time for critical thinking skills and real-world connections. This curriculum is best for teachers in a flexible situation who are looking to dive deeper into skill building.

How is this different from your *other* Civics & Government curriculum?

The [Civics & US Government “Classic” Course Bundle](#) is built with self-contained resources (lectures, activities, projects) that comprehensively cover core topics, perfect if you have a **strict EOC exam or must follow a strict pacing guide with detailed content standards**.

Also, the resources in that course are built to easily mix with your existing lessons or be building blocks if you’re starting from scratch. If you are new to Civics or want a more traditional class structure, you may prefer that option better!

Please review each course’s **preview** and download the **FREE Course Overviews** to decide which bundle is best for you!

Will this work for middle school?

This inquiry PBL curriculum is designed for **high school**. It’s not recommended for middle school. Middle school teachers have shared success with the resources within the [Civics & US Government “Classic” Course Bundle](#). I can’t guarantee your success, so please examine any resource listing before buying. No refunds are offered since these are digital goods.

Are things editable? Are there digital versions of student material?

Yes! All student materials come as print PDF pages and editable Google files, so you can customize them to meet your students’ needs and assign digitally.

Is there a pacing guide? Is there a way to see everything at a glance?

Yes! You can download the [FREE Inquiry PBL Civics Course Overview & Calendar](#) to see a broad view of this semester course, both all the resources included and a suggested calendar. Within each unit is a detailed unit pacing guide and step-by-step lesson plans for every activity.

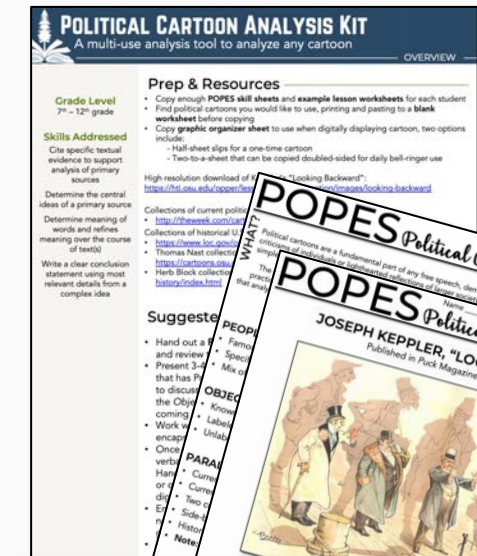
3 WAYS TO LEARN MORE

I'm interested!

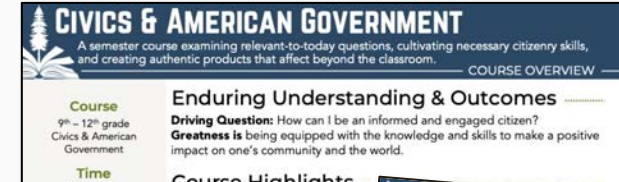
Try this FREE *sample lesson* perfect for daily bell ringers!

Download the FREE *Course Overview & Calendar* to get all the details

Click the *Q&A* tab in the LCG shop & ask your questions!



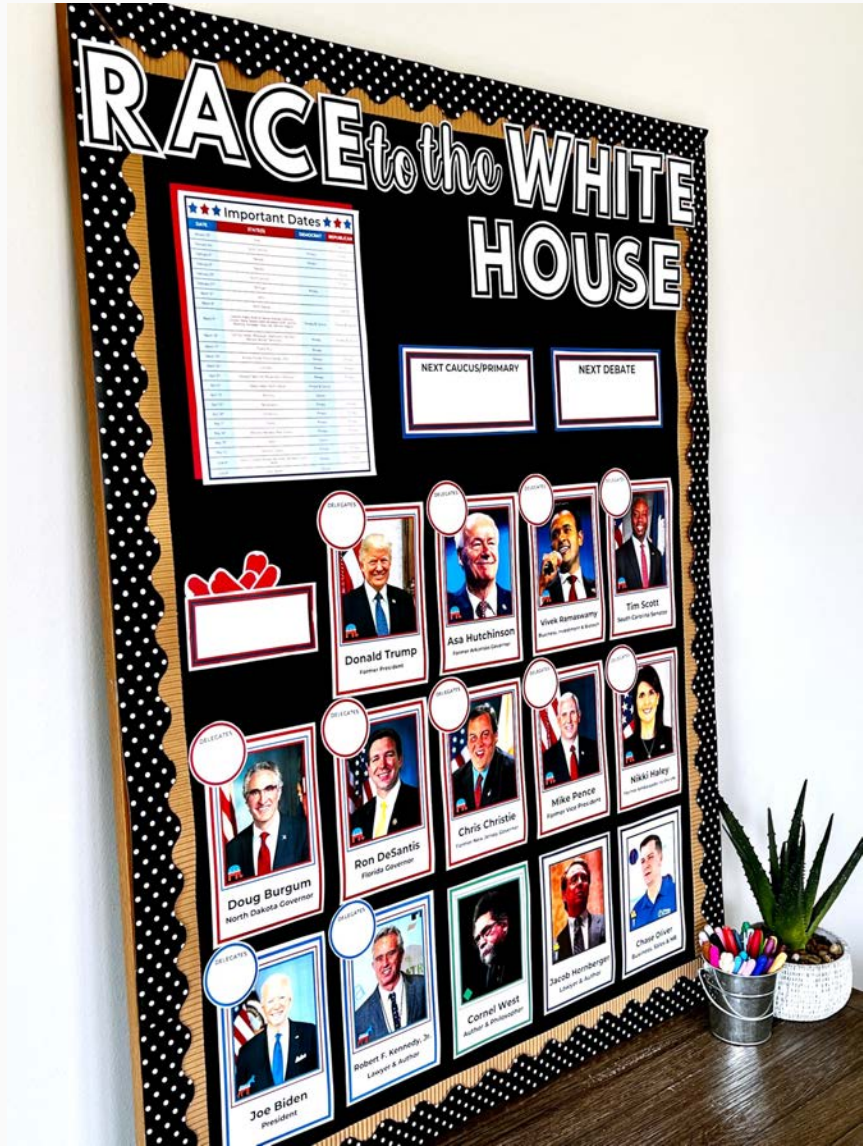
Grab this **everything's-included** kit for analyzing political cartoons, which is the **best way to incorporate current political news** into your Civics class



Confidently know this course fits your needs. Also included is a course calendar & planning tips. Perfect to show admin for approval!

2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

bulletin board kit



- ✓ **20 candidates** from the Republican, Democrat, Green, and Libertarian parties
- ✓ **List** of dates for primaries & caucuses
- ✓ **Add-ons** like delegate count keepers, first-place leader ribbons, cross-outs
- ✓ **2 signage options:** Race to the White House or Election 2024
- ✓ **2 sizes included,** perfect for whole wall or smaller bulletin boards

EXCLUSIVE COURSE BONUS!