

### CIVICS & US GOVERNMENT COURSE BUNDLE

Inquiry-Driven · Project-Based

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

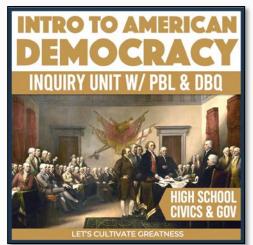
- ✓ Inquiry-driven, PBL, sourcebased units
- ✓ Capstone research project
- ✓ All student activities in print PDF & Google files
- ✓ Daily lesson plans, answer keys, pacing guides, & instructional slides
- ✓ Free updates for life

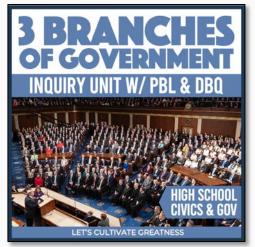
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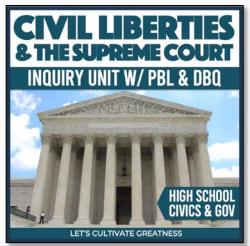
# WHAT'S INCLUDED

Plus, you get all future updates for

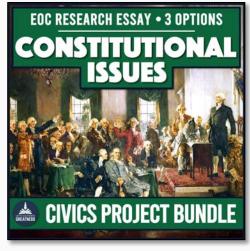
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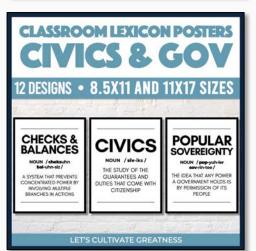


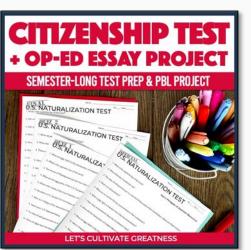




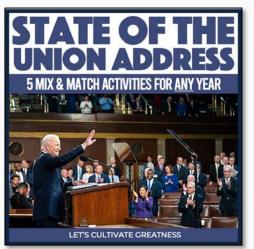










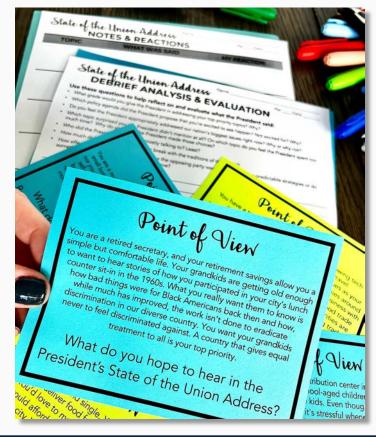




### What STHIS MADE FOR?

- ✓ 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 drivenlearning
- ✓ Is free from following a specific textbook or strict pacing guide
- ✓ Likes **low-tech** activities that focus on collaboration and student talk

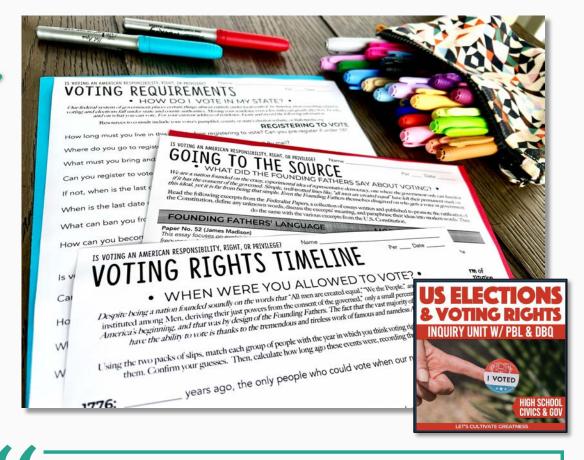




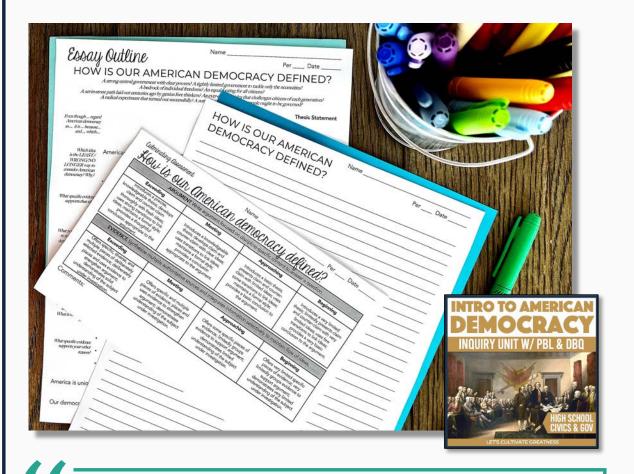
### TOPICS COVERED

**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



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** 

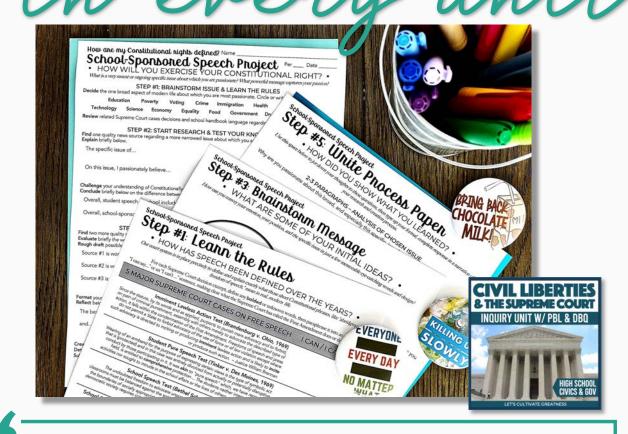
### EACH UNIT ludes

- ✓ 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

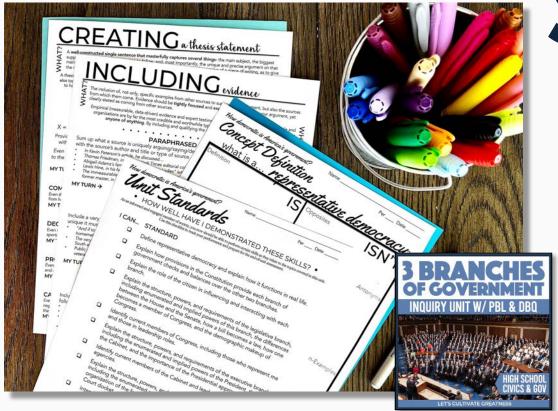
**AUTHENTIC PROJECTS** 

✓ 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.** 



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.

### SUPPORTSunit

- ✓ 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

### AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

**Exploring** Constitutional principles with political cartoons & gummy bears

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

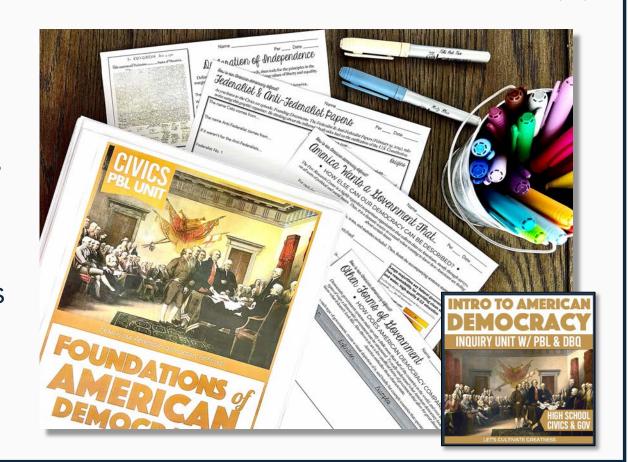
**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE** 

**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.





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.



### **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

### 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

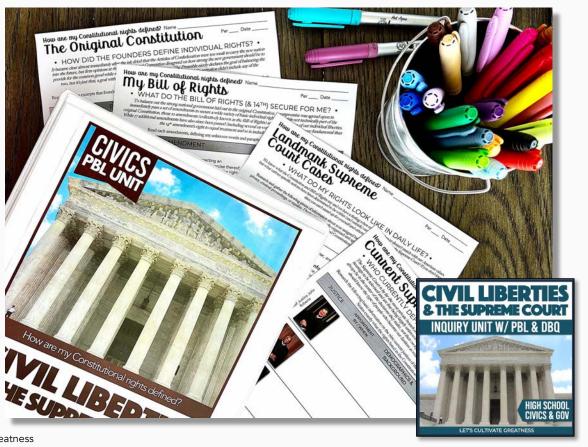
Creating posters of landmark Supreme Court decisions

**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.





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** 

## 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

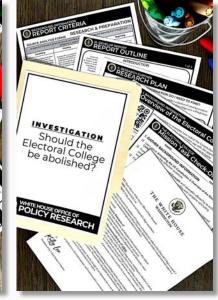
# RESEARCH ESSAY 28th Amendment?

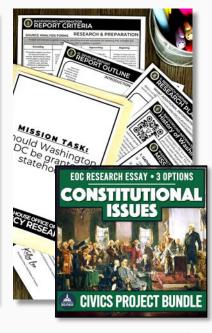
Three hotly-debated constitutional issues included in this capstone PBL project bundle!

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+

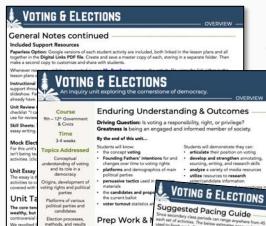


4-Part Naturalization Test Series build longterm learning of everything covered plus debate if it should be a high school graduation requirement

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



## TAKE A PEEK



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Gather and preview

Copy activity sheets a

General Note

**Outside Resources** 

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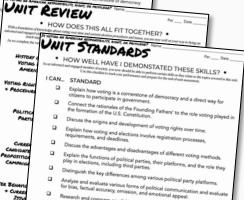
statistical and graphic

content

Work collaboratively t

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

> Pacing guide & standards



Analyze and evaluate the processes and results of an election

Participant in a mock election as an informed voter.

Analyze and evaluate political cartoons and news media s

Develop a precise position on a topic and support it with specif

by-step directions

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**Lesson Plans** 

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Civics 101 Podcast: Executive Branch (30 m vics 101 "The Executive Branch" (July 9, 2019) episode;

Step-bu-step

student directions

4 rubrics

LESSON

Helpful planning tips

Step-by-Step lesson plans

**Wide range** of activities to choose from!

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administrator and display it in a visually organized and appealing manner so that it can serve as a learning tool for others. You classmates will use it to help them decide if they believe these men and women are fulfilling representative democracy, both Joseph R. Biden BASIC INFORMATION S presidency at 78 sfessor, adult son died of brair sneer in 2015, first wife and or Major Goals & Accomplishments

Relevant 4 real-world connections

Supports and guidance for you and

students throughout

can..." statements

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED 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?

This <u>Civics & US Government Course Bundle</u> 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 curriculum is designed for **high school**. It's not recommended for middle school. Middle school teachers have shared success with the resources within the <u>Civics & US Government Course Bundle</u>. I can't guarantee your success, so please examine any resource listing before buying. No refunds are offered since these are digital goods.

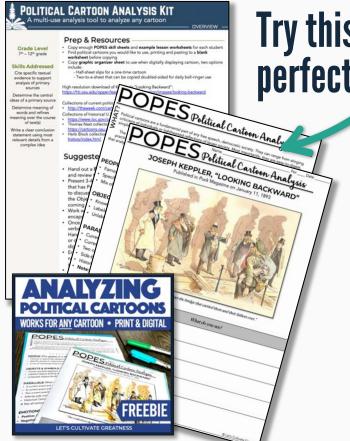
#### Are things editable? Are there digital versions of student material?

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 <u>FREE Course Overview & Suggested Calendar</u> 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 interested!

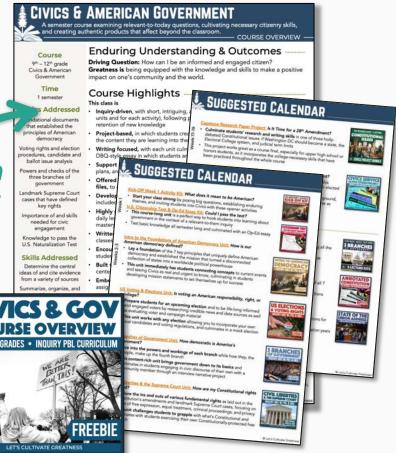


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get all the details

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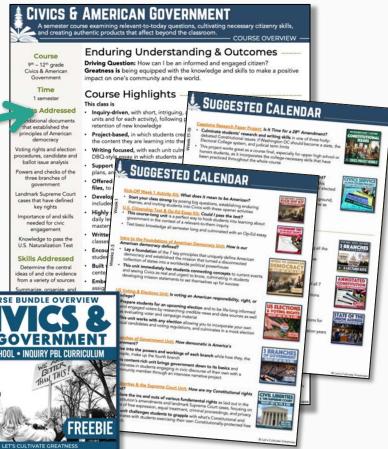


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#### Will this work for my <insert unique setting here> classroom?

Each unit's preview and product description are extremely detailed—be sure to take a close look. Also know that all student materials come with an editable, digital version. If you still have questions, feel free to leave a Q&A!

You can also purchase one of the resources listed within this bundle to sample. If you buy the course bundle within a year, you can request a refund from TPT for that resource. © Let's Cultivate Greatness

### TOPICS COVERED BY UNIT

### Foundations of Sociology Unit

- Field of Sociology: modern formation of society, the sociological imagination, social issues
- Origins of Sociology: Comte and sociology, Durkheim and society, Tönnies and transactional relationships, Weber and irrational behavior
- Social Institutions: manifest, latent, and dysfunctions; subgroups, values, and norms
- **3 Sociological Perspectives:** Spencer and structural functionalism; Du Bois, Marx, and conflict theory, Cooley, Mead, and symbolic interactionism

#### **Culture & Subcultures Unit**

- Material & Non-material culture: objects, values and beliefs, language and symbols, Sapir-Whorf hypothesis
- Norms: folkways, mores, and taboos
- Cultural elements: culture shock, ethnocentrism, norm origins, cultural change, unhealthy norms
- Levels of culture: high, low/pop, and folk culture; subculture, mainstream, and counterculture

### Socialization & Social Development Unit

- Socialization: functions of socialization, humans as social creatures, nature vs. nurture, feral children
- Child development: Piaget's & Mead's stages of childhood development
- Agents of socialization: family, school, peers, and the media; John Dewey, hidden curriculum, Bechdel test; total institutions and resocialization
- **Self concept:** Cooley's looking-glass self theory, Mead's I and Me theory, anticipatory socialization
- Adulthood development: Erikson's 8 stages of social development

### Social Status & Stratification Unit (overlaps with other units)

- Stratification: social stratification past and present, social mobility
- Statuses: high/low status, ascribed/achieved status, status inconsistency
- Privilege & justice: empathy, inequalities, allyship

### Social Groups & Interaction Unit

- Groups & their functions: primary and secondary, expressive and instrumental, formal and informal
- Statuses: high/low status, ascribed/achieved status, status inconsistency
- Roles: role strain and conflict, archetypes, healthy group roles, rights and responsibilities
- Leadership styles: democratic, authoritarian, laissez-faire, expressive and instrumental
- **Group interactions:** in-/out-grouping, cooperation, conflict, conformity, coercion; groupthink and bystander effect
- Unhealthy groups: dysfunctional roles, characteristics of unhealthy groups, cults
- Social media: history and current use, addiction, political polarization, mental health issues, shallowing and widening of social networks

### **Gender Development & Issues Unit**

- Biology: gender vs. sex, gender binary and transgenderness, neurological & social differences
- 3 Sociological perspectives: structural functionalism, gender conflict, symbolic interactionist
- **Gender socialization:** family influence, gendered messages in school & impact of Title IX, the role of peers, and gender roles in mass media
- Changes norms over time: patriarchal gender norms from hunter-gather through agricultural and industrialized societies, 4 waves of the feminist movement
- Institutions of work & family: women's underrepresentation in the paid labor force, the pay gap, the "second shift," decline of men overall in workforce and male-dominated industries

### Race, Ethnicity & Social Change Unit

- Terminology: historical and legal classifications over time; race, ethnicity, and minority groups
- Race & ethnicity in US: characteristics of major racial/ethnic groups, racial disparity today
- Discrimination: prejudice, discrimination, stereotypes; theories of racism, scapegoat theory
- Racial interaction: levels of interaction from amalgamation and assimilation to segregation and genocide

# 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



- ✓ 20 candidates from the Republican, Democrat, Green, and Libertarian parties
- ✓ List of dates for primaries & caucuses
- ✓ Add-ons like delegate count keepers, firstplace 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!**