
Civics Syllabus

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Unit 3	Principles of Government Government Systems and Types Federal, Confederation, and Unitary Systems Presidential vs. Parliamentary Systems Interpreting Editorial Cartoons Comparing Media Coverage Review and Test
Unit 4	The Principles of American Democracy Comparing American Democracy and Authoritarianism Case Study: The Life and Death of Diana, Princess of Wales Historical Documents: From Magna Carta to the Constitution Early American Government: From Confederation to Federal Republic The American Revolution and the Constitution The Declaration of Independence The Constitutional Convention Webquest on the Birth of the American Republic
Unit 5	Federalism and the Division of Power The Structure of American Government Federal, State and Local Governments Expressed, Concurrent, Reserved and Denied Powers Review and Test
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Unit 13	The Decision-Making Process In Business How Businesses Are Structured The Role of the Federal Government Business, Labor and the Economy The Federal Reserve: It's History and Role Measuring the Economy The Circular Flow Model of Economic Activity Types of Economic Systems: Market, Mixed, Command
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