

AP U. S. Government & Politics

Text:	<u>The Challenge of Democracy</u> , Janda, Berry and Goldman, 8 th Edition, 2005
Supplemental Materials:	<i>America's Legacy; The Foundation of Freedom</i> <i>American Polity</i> , Readings in American Politics "Common Sense" pamphlet by Thomas Paine
Course Description:	<p>AP U. S. Government & Politics is a year-long course (1 unit) focusing on the U. S. Constitution and , in particular, the three branches of the federal government and the amendments to the constitution, principally the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment. Instruction will be by lecture and by dialogue between the instructor and students regarding various topics. There will also be opportunities for presentations on many topics of importance to American Government by students.</p> <p>The course will cover all aspects of American Government and Politics, including, in addition to the above-referenced subjects, federalism, elections, campaigns, nominations, equality and civil rights, economic policy, domestic policy, foreign policy and other matters pertaining to American Government.</p>
Methods of Evaluation:	Students will be evaluated principally by tests. Also, the extent, or lack of extent, of class participation will be considered in grading.
Pace of Instruction:	Part I- Dilemmas of Democracy Part II- Foundations of American Government Part III- Linking People with Government Part IV- Institutions of Government Part V- Civil Liberties and Civil Rights Part VI- Making Public Policy
Course Objectives:	To so educate and enlighten each student that they will be able to score a 4 or a 5 on the National Exam in the course. This would enable the student to exempt Freshman college American Government. A corollary objective for most students is to enhance their high school transcript to evidence their participation in an advanced course which might help them be admitted to college.
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