



Reavis High School
Curriculum Snapshot/Cover Page for U.S. Government



Unit 1: Historical Foundations

14-17
Days

This unit covers the history of the development of the Constitution. Students will discuss the relevance of events such as the Declaration of Independence, the Philadelphia Convention, and the Ratification Process. Students are also responsible for starting the Community Service Project, as well as successfully completing the States Test.



Unit 2: The U.S. Constitution

20
Days

This unit explains the organization of the three main branches of government. Students will summarize the main powers of each of the three branches and how the system of checks and balances limits those powers. The principles, structure, and interpretation of the United States Constitution will be discussed in preparation of the United States Constitution Test (Mid-Term).



Unit 3: The Bill of Rights & the Amendments

10
Days

This unit identifies the Bill of Rights and the remaining amendments and reviews the process of creating an amendment. Students will explain the Bill of Rights and the rights covered by them, list the remaining amendments, and understand the process used to create them.



Unit 4: Political Identity

12-15
Days

This unit reviews the process by which one develops his/her own political identity. Students will identify the Political Parties in the U.S., the political ideologies (Liberalism and Conservatism), the role of special interest groups, and the election process.



Unit 5: Responsibilities of Citizenship

12-15
Days

This unit covers the responsibility of the average American Citizen. Students will discuss matters of volunteer service and government involvement, the role of jury duty, and the right to vote. This unit is completed when students complete the Community Service Project.



Unit 6: Illinois & Local Government

10-15
Days

This unit covers the structure of state and local governments. Students will discover the components of the Illinois Constitution and the role that local governments play at the city, township, and county levels.