

## **UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HONORS**

Grade Level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Credit: 0.5

Prerequisite: None

Students learn the basics of United States government including, history, composition and general duties carried out by the three branches. The course will consist of a study of the Constitution of the United States and the organization, powers, and functions of the national government. In addition, current problems, policy, and the role of the individual will be studied.

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### **United States Government Honors Lessons**

#### **Teacher Message**

#### **Semester 1 Lessons**

**Lesson 1: What is Government?**

**Lesson 2: What is Democracy?**

**Lesson 3: Limited Government and the Constitution**

**Lesson 4: Federalism**

**Lesson 5: Congress**

**Lesson 6: Congress Part 2 Making Laws**

**Lesson 7: Executive Branch**

**Lesson 8: Judicial Branch**

**Lesson 9: Checks and Balances – Putting It All Together**

**Lesson 10: Constitutional Amendments: The Bill of Rights**

**Lesson 11: Civil Rights vs Civil Liberties**

**Lesson 12: Political Parties**

**Lesson 13: Social Welfare Policy**



**Lesson 14: Economic Policy**

**Lesson 15: Foreign and Defense Policy (A Modern History) PART 1**

**Lesson 16: Foreign and Defense Policy (A Modern History) PART 2**

**Lesson 17: Research Paper I: Getting Started**

**Lesson 18: Research Paper: Outlining and Introduction**

**Lesson 19: Research Paper**

**Semester 2 Lessons**

**Lesson20: Political Socialization and Public Opinion**

**Lesson21: The Media**

**Lesson 22: Interest Groups**

**Lesson 23: Current Events Part 1**

**Lesson 24: Current Events Part 2**

**Lesson 25: Current Events Part 3**

**Lesson 26: Current Events Part 4**

**Lesson 27: Current Events Part 5**

**Lesson 28: Project 1**

**Lesson 29: Project 2**

**Lesson 30: Project 3**

**Lesson 31: Project 4**

**Lesson32: Interview Project**

