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	1–2		Syllabus and AMSCO Introduction xxv–xlix		Annenberg Classroom
Unit 1					
1	3	Topic 1.1 Ideals of Democracy	Ideals of Democracy 3–9	1.1 (8) 2.1 (32–37) 2.3 (40–42)	Bill of Rights Institute AP Daily: Topic 1.1 Ideals of Democracy
		Foundational Document: Declaration of Independence	Foundational Document: Declaration of Independence Apply Activity 6–7 Full text 696–699	607–611	
1	3	Topic 1.2 Types of Democracy	Types of Democracy 10–15	1.1 (8, 12–13) 1.2 (14–15) 2.3 (40–41) 2.4 (48–53)	
2	4	Topic 1.3 Government Power and Individual Rights	Government Power and Individual Rights 16–21	1.2 (14–15) 2.4 (48–53) 4.1 (103–107)	C-SPAN Classroom
		Foundational Document: Federalist No. 10	Foundational Documents: Federalist No. 10 17–18	629–632	Federalist 10
		Foundational Document: Brutus No. 1	Foundational Documents: Brutus No. 1 19–20		Brutus I

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3	5		Chapter 1 Assessment 23-25		Crash Course: U.S. Government and Politics
4	6	Topic 1.4 Challenges to the Articles of Confederation	Topic 1.4 Challenges to the Articles of Confederation 27-30	2.2 (37–40)	iCivics
		Foundational Document: Articles of Confederation	Foundational Documents: Articles of Confederation 28-29		
4	6	Topic 1.5 Ratification of the U.S. Constitution	Ratification of the U.S. Constitution 32-44	2.3 (40–47) 2.4 (47–53) 4.4 (133–136)	
		Foundational Document: The Constitution of the United States	Foundational Documents: The Constitution of the United States Apply Activity 36-38 Full text 700	613–628	The Constitution of the United States
5	7	Topic 1.6 Principles of American Government	Principles of American Government 45-51	1.2 (14) 2.3 (44–45) 2.4 (51) 3.5 (93)	
		Foundational Document: Federalist No. 51	Foundational Documents: Federalist No. 51 48	2.4 The Ratification of the Constitution The Ratification Campaign (48–53) Appendix C (633–635)	
5	7		Chapter 2 Assessment 52-55		

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6	8	Topic 1.7 Relationship between the States & Federal Government and Federalism in Action, National Concerns	Relationship between the States & Federal Government 57-65	2.3 (45–46) 3.1 (68–70, 71–75) 3.3 (82–86)
6	8	Topic 1.8 Constitutional Definition of Federalism, Supreme Court Shapes Federalism	Constitutional Interpretations of Federalism 66-67	3.1 (68–71) 3.2 (75–77, 80–81) 4.1 (107–108) 11.1 (379–382) 14.1 (482–485)
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: <i>MuCulloch v. Maryland</i> (1819)	Must Know Supreme Court Case: <i>MuCulloch v. Maryland</i> (1819) 68-69	
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: <i>U.S. v Lopez</i> (1995)	Must Know Supreme Court Case: <i>U.S. v Lopez</i> (1995) 72-73	
7	9	Topic 1.9 Sharing of Powers, Political Participation	Federalism in Action 75-81	3.2 (75–81) 3.3 (84) 16.1 (547–549)
8	10		Chapter 3 Assessment 52-55 82-86	
8	10		Unit 1 Assessment 87–97	

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Unit 2				
1	11	Topic 2.1 Congress: The Senate and the House of Representatives	Congress: The Senate and the House of Representatives 100–107	11.1 (374–382) 11.2 (383)
1	11	Topic 2.2 Structures, Powers, and Functions of Congress	Structures, Powers, and Functions of Congress 108–123	11.4 (396–401) 11.5 (401–404)
2	12	Topic 2.3 Congressional Behavior	Congressional Behavior 124–132	11.1 (376–379) 11.3 (389–392)
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: Baker v. Carr (1962)	Must Know Supreme Court Case: Baker v. Carr (1962) 126–128	
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: Shaw v. Reno (1993)	Must Know Supreme Court Case: Shaw v. Reno (1993) 129–130	
3	13		Chapter 4 Assessment 133–138	
4	14	Topic 2.4 Roles and Powers of the President	Roles and Powers of the President 139–147	12.1 (412–419) 12.3 (423–428, 429) 12.5 (434–441)
4	14	Topic 2.5 Checks on the Presidency	Checks on the Presidency 148–157	12.1. (417) 12.4 (426–428)
5	15	Topic 2.6 Expansion of Presidential Power	Expansion of Presidential Power 158–165	12.1. (417) 12.5 (434–441)

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		Foundational Document: Federalist No. 70	Foundational Document: Federalist No. 70 158–159	2.5 (252)
6	16	Topic 2.7 Presidential Communication	Presidential Communication 166–175	8.2 (279–280) 8.3 (288–289) 12.4 (429–431)
7	17		Chapter 5 Assessment 172–176	
8	18	Topic 2.8 The Judicial Branch	The Judicial Branch 178–187	13.1 (448–450) 13.2 (454–459) 13.3 (459–461)
		Foundational Document: Federalist No. 78	Foundational Document: Federalist No. 78 179–181	13.1 (448, 453) 13.5 (472)
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: Marbury v. Madison (1803)	Must Know Supreme Court Case: Marbury v. Madison (1803) 184–186	13.1 (450–451) 13.3 (459–464)
8	18	Topic 2.9 Legitimacy of the Judicial Branch	Legitimacy of the Judicial Branch 188–193	13.1 (451–454) 13.4 (464–466)
9	19	Topic 2.10 The Court in Action	The Court in Action 194–201	13.4 (466–468) 13.5 (468–469)
9	19	Topic 2.11 Checks on the Judicial Branch	Checks on the Judicial Branch 202–210	13.3 (461–464) 13.5 (470–473)

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10	20		Chapter 6 Assessment 211–216	
11	21	Topic 2.12 The Bureaucracy	The Bureaucracy 218–227	15.1 (516–521) 15.2 (521–525)
11	21	Topic 2.13 Discretionary and Rule-Making Authority	Discretionary and Rule-Making Authority 228–233	15.3 (527–533)
12	22	Topic 2.14 Holding the Bureaucracy Accountable	Holding the Bureaucracy Accountable 234–238	15.1 (516–517) 15.4 (533–534)
12	22	Topic 2.15 Policy and the Branches of Government	Policy and the Branches of Government 239–243	15.4 (534–540)
13	23		Chapter 7 Assessment 244–248	
14	24		Unit 2 Assessment 249–258	

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Unit 3				
1	25	Topic 3.1 The Bill of Rights	The Bill of Rights 261–265	4.1 (102–107)
1	25	Topic 3.2 First Amendment: Freedom of Religion	First Amendment: Freedom of Religion 266–274	4.2 (108–115)
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: Engel v. Vitale (1962)	Must Know Supreme Court Case: Engel v. Vitale (1962) 268–271	
		Must Know Supreme Court Case Wisconsin v. Yoder (1972)	Must Know Supreme Court Case: Wisconsin v. Yoder (1972) 271–272	4.2 (113)
2	26	Topic 3.3 First Amendment: Freedom of Speech	First Amendment: Freedom of Speech 275–283	4.2 (115–119)
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: Tinker v. Des Moines Schools (1969)	Must Know Supreme Court Case: Tinker v. Des Moines School (1969) 277–279	4.2 (118–119) 4.3 (130)
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: Schenck v. United States (1919)	Must Know Supreme Court Case: Schenck v. United States (1919) 281–283	4.2 (115)
2	26	Topic 3.4 First Amendment: Freedom of the Press	First Amendment: Freedom of the Press 284–288	4.2 (116–119) 8.3 (281–284)
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: New York Times Co. v. United States (1971)	Must Know Supreme Court Case: New York Times Co. v. United States (1971) 286–287	4.2 (116–117) 8.3 (281–284)
3	27		Chapter 8 Assessment 289–293	

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4	28	Topic 3.5 Second Amendment: Right to Bear Arms	Second Amendment: Right to Bear Arms 295–299	4.2 (119–120)
5	29	Topic 3.6 Amendments: Balancing Individual Freedom with Public Order and Safety	Amendments: Balancing Individual Freedom with Public Order and Safety 300–306	4.2 (121–122) 4.3 (129–130)
5	29		Chapter 9 Assessment 306–310	
6	30	Topic 3.7 Selective Incorporation	Selective Incorporation 312–318	4.1 (107–108) 4.2 (119–120)
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: McDonald v. Chicago (2010)	Must Know Supreme Court Case: McDonald v. Chicago (2010) 315–316	4.1 (107–108) 4.2 (119–120) 641
7	31	Topic 3.8 Amendments: Due Process and the Rights of the Accused	Amendments: Due Process and the Rights of the Accused 319–328	4.2 (121–122) 4.3 (123–125) 4.3 (126–128) 4.4 (135–136)
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: McDonald v. Chicago (2010)	Must Know Supreme Court Case: Gideon v. Wainwright (1963) 326–328	4.3 (126–127) 640
8	32	Topic 3.9 Amendments: Due Process and the Right to Privacy	Amendments: Due Process and the Right to Privacy 329–333	4.1 (107–108) 4.4 (133–135)

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9	33		Chapter 10 Assessment 334–339	
10	34	Topic 3.10	Social Movements and Equal Protection 341–353	5.1 (144–147) 5.2 (156–158) 5.3 (158–164) 5.5 (169–178)
		Foundational Document: Letter from a Birmingham Jail	Foundational Documents: Letter From a Birmingham Jail 343–345	
11	35	Topic 3.11 Government Responses to Social Movements	Government Responses to Social Movements 354–365	5.2 (149–158) 5.3 (161–162)
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: Brown v. Board of Education (1954)	Must Know Supreme Court Cases: Brown v. Board of Education (1954) 357–358	5.2 (153–154) 639
12	36	Topic 3.12 Balancing Minority and Majority Rights	Balancing Minority and Majority Rights 366–372	5.2 (149–154)
12	36	Topic 3.13 Affirmative Action	Affirmative Action 373–376	5.1 (144–146) 5.2 (156–158)
13	37		Chapter 11 Assessment 377–382	
13	37		Unit 3 Assessment 383–391	

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Unit 4				
1	38	Topic 4.1 American Attitudes About Government and Politics	American Attitudes About Government and Politics 394–400	6.1 (186–188, 191–194)
1	38	Topic 4.2 Political Socialization	Political Socialization 401–407	6.1 (188–191) 6.3 (202–210)
2	39	Topic 4.3 Changes in Ideology	Changes in Ideology 408–413	6.1 (186–194) 6.3 (202–210) 9.3 (317–319)
2	39	Topic 4.4 Influence of Political Events on Ideology	Influence of Political Events on Ideology 414–418	6.3 (202–210) 9.3 (317–319)
3	40		Chapter 12 Assessment 419–423	
4	41	Topic 4.5 Measuring Public Opinion	Measuring Public Opinion 425–432	6.1 (186–194) 6.2 (194–211) 6.3 (207–208)
5	42	Topic 4.6 Evaluating Public Opinion Data	Evaluating Public Opinion Data 433–439	6.3 (202–210) 6.4 (211–217)
6	43		Chapter 13 Assessment 439–443	

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7	44	Topic 4.7 Ideologies of Political Parties	Ideologies of Political Parties 445–451	9.1 (304–310) 9.2 (310)
8	45	Topic 4.8 Ideology and Policy Making	Ideology and Policy Making 452–455	9.2 (311–314)
8	45	Topic 4.9 Ideology and Economic Policy	Ideology and Economic Policy 456–466	6.1 (186–194) 9.2 (226–228) 9.3 (328–330)
9	46	Topic 4.10 Ideology and Social Policy	Ideology and Social Policy 467–475	9.2 (316–317) 9.3 (317–319)
10	47		Chapter 14 Assessment 476–480	
11	48		Unit 4 Assessment 481–490	
Unit 5				
1	49	Topic 5.1 Voting Rights and Models of Voting Behavior	Voting Rights and Models of Voting Behavior 493–503	7.1 (224–225) 7.4 (251–253)
2	50	Topic 5.2 Voter Turnout	Voter Turnout 504–517	7.1 (225–228) 7.2 (228–236)
2	50		Chapter 15 Assessment 518–522	

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3	51	Topic 5.3 Political Parties	Political Parties 524–531	9.1 (304–305) 9.3 (317–325)
3	51	Topic 5.4 How and Why Political Parties Change and Adapt	How and Why Political Parties Change and Adapt 532–542	9.2 (314–317) 9.3 (317–325)
4	52	Topic 5.5 Third-Party Politics	Third-Party Politics 543–548	6.3 (204–207) 9.2 (311–314)
4	52		Chapter 16 Assessment 549–553	
5	53	Topic 5.6 Interest Groups Influencing Policy Making	Interest Groups Influencing Policy Making 555–565	10.1 (340–346) 10.2 (346–347) 10.3 (351–352, 358–359)
6	54	Topic 5.7 Groups Influencing Policy Outcomes	Groups Influencing Policy Outcomes 566–581	10.2 (347–348) 10.3 (350–357)
6	54		Chapter 17 Assessment 582–586	
7	55	Topic 5.8 Electing a President	Electing a President 588–595	7.3 (236–237, 239–247) 12.2 (419–423)
7	55	Topic 5.9 Congressional Elections	Congressional Elections 596–599	7.3 (236–237, 239–247) 11.2 (382–388)

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7	55		Chapter 18 Assessment 600–604	
8	56	Topic 5.10 Modern Campaigns	Modern Campaigns 606–614	7.3 (236–237, 239–247) 7.4 (247–251)
8	56	Topic 5.11 Campaign Finance	Campaign Finance 615–623	7.3 (238– 239) 11.2 (383–386)
		Must Know Supreme Court Case: Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission (2010)	Must Know Supreme Court Cases: Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission (2010) 617–619	11.2 (383–385) 640
8	56		Chapter 19 Assessment 623–627	
9	57	Topic 5.12 The Media	The Media 629–637	8.1 (266–272) 8.2 (272–279)
9	57	Topic 5.13 Changing Media	Changing Media 638–651	8.2 (279–281) 8.3 (284–289) 8.4 (291–297)
9	57		Chapter 20 Assessment 652–656	
10	58		Unit 5 Assessment 657–666	