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| Time Frame | Topic/Unit | Skills/Concepts | Major Assessments | Core Standards | Resources |
| First 10 weeks | **Unit 1: Foundations of American Government**  Chapter 1 Principles of Government  (2 weeks) | * Government * Public policies * State * Sovereign * Unitary & federal government * Confederation * Presidential & parliamentary governments * Dictatorship * Democracy * Direct democracy * Representative democracy * Compromise * Anarchy | Chapter 1 Test | 12G.1.a | ***Magruder’s American Government***, Magruder-Smith, Mary 2000. Prentice Hall |
|  | Chapter 2 Origins of American Government  (3 weeks) | * Limited government * Representative government * Magna Carta * Petition of Right * English Bill of Rights * Charter bicameral unicameral Albany plan of Union * Boycott * Constitution * Popular sovereignty * Articles of Confederation * Framers * Va. & NJ Plans * 3/5ths Compromise * Federalists * Anti-federalists | Chapter 2 Test | 12G.1a  12G.1b  12G.1c | ***Magruder’s American Government***, Magruder-Smith, Mary 2000. Prentice Hall  *Federalist Papers* |
|  | Group Project: Running a Presidential Campaign  (2-3 weeks) | * research * writing * video production * artistic production * editing writing & video production * critical thinking * debate | Based on video, print, oral presentations by teacher & the class | NYS Learning Standards for Literacy  RH1, RH2, RH3  WHST1a,b,c,d,e  WHST2a,e  WHST 3  WHST 6 | ***Magruder’s American Government***, Magruder-Smith, Mary 2000. Prentice Hall |
|  | Chapter 3 The Constitution (2 weeks) | * Popular sovereignty * Limited government * Constitutionalism * Rule of law * Separation of powers * Checks & balances * Judicial review * Unconstitutional * Federalism amendment * Formal amendment * Bill of Rights * Informal amendment * Executive agreement | Chapter 3 Test | 12G.1.a  12G.1.b  12G.1.c  12G.1.d | ***Magruder’s American Government***, Magruder-Smith, Mary 2000. Prentice Hall  *US Constitution* |
| Second 10 weeks | Chapter 4  (3 weeks) | * Federalism * Division of powers * Delegated, expressed, implied, inherent, reserved, exclusive, concurrent powers * Enabling act * Act of admission * Grants-in-aid * Block grant * Interstate compact * Full faith & credit * extradition | Chapter 4 Test | 12G.1.e  12G.1.f | ***Magruder’s American Government***, Magruder-Smith, Mary 2000. Prentice Hall |
|  | Chapter 5 Political Parties  (2-3 weeks) | * political party * major parties * coalition * minor party * two-party system * single-member district * plurality * pluralistic society * consensus * multiparty * one-party system * electorate * ideological party * single-issue party * economic protest party * splinter party * ward & precinct * split-ticket voting | Chapter 5 Test | 12G.3.a  12G.3.b  12G.3.c  12G.3.d | ***Magruder’s American Government***, Magruder-Smith, Mary 2000. Prentice Hall |
|  | Chapter 6 Voters & Voting Behavior  (2 weeks) | * suffrage * franchise * electorate * registration * literacy * poll tax * gerrymandering * injunction * political efficacy * political socialization * party identification * straight-ticket voting * split-ticket voting * independents | Chapter 6 Test | 12G.1.d  12G.2.a  12G.2.b  12G.2c.  12G.2.d | ***Magruder’s American Government***, Magruder-Smith, Mary 2000. Prentice Hall  NYS voter registration form |