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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.1a12G.1b12G.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 LiteracyRH1, RH2, RH3WHST1a,b,c,d,eWHST2a,eWHST 3WHST 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.a12G.1.b12G.1.c12G.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.e12G.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.a12G.3.b12G.3.c12G.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.d12G.2.a12G.2.b12G.2c.12G.2.d | ***Magruder’s American Government***, Magruder-Smith, Mary 2000. Prentice HallNYS voter registration form |