# – U.S. Government Pacing Guide

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CONCEPT	OBJECTIVE	ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY	Instructional Material	ASSESSMENT	TEACHER ACTIVITIES/REFLECTIONS		
Foundations, Origins of U.S. Government	USG.1 –Identify theories that explain the origins of the state and the necessity of governments. State Content Standard – H. B1a,c GC. A1-3; B1 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Remembering</i>	John Locke Government State Sovereign Social Contract Constitution Thomas Hobbes Baron deMontesquieu	Second Treatise of Government	Vocabulary Building Activities Free/Open Response Writing			
	USG.2—Compare and contrast various forms of governments, including Unitary, Federal, Confederate. State Content Standard – GC.A4 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Analyzing</i>	Democracy Autocracy, Oligarchy, Authoritarian Multi-party system Coalition Parliamentary Presidential European Union					
	USG.3-Evaluate the principles of the American Democratic system and how it protects individual rights and impact the functioning of government State Content Standard – GC. B1-4 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Evaluating</i>	federalism, representative democracy, popular sovereignty, consent of the governed, separation of powers, checks and balances, rule of law, limited government, majority rule	Chapter	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing			

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Constitutional Principles	USG.4 – Critique the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation which resulted in the Constitutional Convention State Content Standard – GC. B1-4 Bloom's Taxonomy: Evaluating	Separation of Powers, Unicameral Bicameral	Articles of Confederation, Madison's Vices on the Political Systems of the United States, C	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing			
	USG.5 Analyze the Preamble as the mission statement of the Constitution of the United States State Content Standard – GC. B3 Bloom's Taxonomy: Analyzing	preamble	Preamble of the U.S. Constitution	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Text Crawl Free/Open Response Writing			
	USG.6 Examine the ratification process of the Constitution and the arguments that occurred including the view points of the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists State Content Standard – H. B2 GC. B3 Bloom's Taxonomy: Analyzing	Publius Supreme Law of the Land Necessary and Proper Clause Supremacy Clause Bill of Rights	Federalist 51 Federalist 10 Select Anti-Federalist Papers of Brutus, Cato, or Agrippa Bill of Rights	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing			
Legislative Branch	<b>USG.7</b> –Describe the structure of Congress and its membership State Content Standard – GC. A3; B4 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Understanding</i>	Senate House of Representatives Reapportionment Census Majority Minority Whip, Speaker of the House President Pro Tempore Gerrymandering	House.gov Senate.gov	Bank Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing			

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		Incumbent Constituent Single Member District, Member At-large Redistricting					
	USG. 8 –Classify the powers of Congress. State Content Standard – GC. A3; B1; B3 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Applying</i>	Expressed Powers Inherent Powers Implied Powers Concurrent Powers Elastic Clause Commerce Clause Franking Investigative Power/Hearings Ratification/Confirmati on Article I	Chapter, pp. U.S. Constitution, Article I House.gov Senate.gov	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing			
	USG. 9 —Differentiate the procedures and interactions of the chambers of Congress. State Content Standard – GC. B2-4; D1 Bloom's Taxonomy: Analyzing	Censure Seniority Term Session Adjournment Confirmation Senatorial Courtesy	House.gov Senate.gov congress.indiana.edu	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing			
	USG. 10 –Diagram the legislative process (bill to law) including the role played by committees. State Content Standard – GC. B5; B9 Bloom's Taxonomy: Creating	Committee Chair quorum Standing Committee Select Committee Joint Committee Caucuses Rider Earmark Override Logrolling Cloture Filibuster Congressional Calendar	Chapter, pp. SchoolHouse Rock © www.thomas.loc.gov House.gov Senate.gov	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing			

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Executive Branch	USG. 11 – Describe the qualifications and roles of the Presidency State Content Standard— GC. B4; B7; D1 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Understanding</i>	Commander in Chief Diplomat Head of State Chief Executive Formal vs. Informal Qualifications Article II	Chapter U.S. Constitution Art. II	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing				
	<b>USG. 12 -</b> Investigate the powers of the presidency State Content Standard – GC. B4; D2-3 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Analyzing</i>	Pardon Amnesty Clemency Reprieve Executive agreements Executive orders War Powers Act Treaties Appointments	Chapter Whitehouse.gov	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing				
	USG. 13 – Identify the Departments and functions of the Executive branch State Content Standard – GC. D3; F1; F6 Bloom's Taxonomy: Remembering	Regulatory commissions Independent government agencies President's cabinet Bureacracies	Corresponding cabinet websites	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing				

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Judicial Branch	USG. 14 - Explain the structure and organization of the federal court system State Content Standard – GC. A1; A3; B3; E7 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Analyzing</i>	Landmark Supreme Court Cases Appellate Jurisdiction Original Jurisdiction District Court Concurrent Jurisdiction Judicial Circuit Constitutional Court Legislative Courts Senatorial Courtesy Article III Docket	U.S. Constitution Art. III uscourts.gov	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing			
	USG. 15 – Analyze the structure and function of the U.S. Supreme Court and the qualification of justices State Content Standard – GC. A2; B3 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Analyzing</i>	Writ of certiorari Majority opinion Dissent Concurring opinion Judicial review Precedents Landmark case Confirmation hearing Litmus test	Supremecourt.gov Landmark supreme court cases	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing	streetlaw.org/en/landmark teacher/student choice of Supreme Court Case Research project		
Political Behaviors	USG. 16 –Judge the differences between the main political parties and evaluate their impact on governance State Content Standard H. D3 GC. A4; D2-3; E3 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Evaluating</i>	Political Spectrum Partisan Politics Ideology Bi-partisan Minor Party Right Wing Left Wing Liberal Conservative Moderate	Gop.com Democrats.org	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing			
	USG. 17-Trace the Electoral Process State Content Standard GC. A3; E5 Bloom's Taxonomy: Applying	Electoral College Open Primary Closed Primary Caucuses National Conventions	uselectionatlas.org 270towin.com FEC.gov	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities	Enhance and Expand in Election Years		

				Free/Open Response Writing	
	USG. 18—Identify the characteristics of Voters and explore Voting Behaviors State Content Standard H. D4 GC. B4-7; D5; E1 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Remembering</i>	Recount Mandate Straight ticket voting Split ticket voting Absentee balloting	Voter Registration form Voting Guide Baker v. Carr	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing	
	<b>USG. 19</b> — Weigh the impact of the interaction between Mass Media and Public Opinion State Content Standard GC. B4-6; D1 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Evaluating</i>	Political Socialization Straw Poll Scientific Poll Propaganda Universe Mass Media Random Sample Representative Sample	Factcheck.org Realclearpolitics.com	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing	
	<b>USG. 20</b> —Characterize the impact of interest groups and lobbying on public policy State Content Standard – GC. B9; E3; G2; G7 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Analyzing</i>	Special interests Lobbyists SuperPACs	Opensecrets.org Citizens United v. FEC	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing	
State and Local Government— Alaska Emphasis	USG. 21 –Compare and contrast the structure of state governments State Content Standard GC. A1; C1; C7-8 <i>Bloom's Taxonomy: Analyzing</i>	Borough Municipality Home Rule County Lieutenant Governor Ordinance Zoning Special Districts Assembly	Alaska State Constitution legis.state.ak.us	Section Quizzes Constructivist Activities Document Based Questions Vocabulary Building Activities Map Activities Free/Open Response Writing	

<b>USG. 23 -</b> Examine the relationship	Permanent Fund	labor.alaska.gov/trends	Section Quizzes	
between state government and the	Dividend	http://www.alaskanomic	Constructivist Activities	
economy		s.com/	Document Based	
State Content Standard –		http://www.iser.uaa.alas	Questions	
GC. F1; F9; G7		ka.edu/	Vocabulary Building	
Bloom's Taxonomy: Analysis			Activities	
			Map Activities	
			Free/Open Response	
			Writing	
USG. 22 – Identify civic	Recall	www.elections.alaska.go	Section Quizzes	
responsibilities as an Alaskan	Referendum	v/vi_eo_state_dist.php	Constructivist Activities	
citizen	Initiative		Document Based	
State Content Standard	Proposition		Questions	
GC. B7; C2; D1-2; G4-5	Precincts		Vocabulary Building	
Bloom's Taxonomy: Remembering	Polling Place		Activities	
	Write-in Candidate		Map Activities	
			Free/Open Response	
			Writing	
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