

Expectations and Outcomes

Grade Level/Course: 9-12

Content Area: Social Studies

Unit Title	Guarantees
Unit 1: Context and Setting: Part 1 The US Political Environment (current)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Broad overview of where we fit into the domestic political environment -- local, state, tribal, and national ● The decline of Social Capital ● The lack of civic engagement by the majority of the public ● How do we confront this dilemma? ● The functions of the news media ● Approaching controversial issues ● Introduction to the US Citizenship Test (preparation for summative at the end of term 1)
Unit 2: Origins of US Government What Did the Framers Create?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The hybrid nature of US Government ● Comparison and Contrast with other forms of government ● How did the Framers see the world? ● Enlightenment political philosophy ● Hobbes: Social Contract ● Locke's version of the Contract ● Jefferson and the Declaration ● The revolutionary vision of the Framers ● Connecting the Declaration to the Gettysburg Address ● Federalism and Bicameralism ● Overview of the 3 Branches and basic roles (building on the introduction to that from Unit 1)
Unit 3: Political Socialization and Behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Political Self-Identification ● Competing visions of the Public Good in American history ● Weltanschauung -- what has shaped your worldview? ● Political Socialization ● Ideology and the Political Spectrum ● Liberal-Progressive view of government ● Conservative-Libertarian view of government

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Why we need both traditions ● Ideology vs. Pragmatism ● Transformational Leadership Model
Unit 4: The Setting: Part 2 The Global Political Environment (current	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Why study global politics? ● America's position in the modern world ● The concept of the global village ● Major issues (current) ● Isolationism v. Internationalism ● International Law ● The role of the United Nations ● The role of NATO ● Foreign Policy: Objectives, Instruments, and Dilemmas ● US foreign policy: Style and Traditions
Unit 5: Origins: Part 2 How Did We Get Here?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Paradigm of 1945 ● The Cold War ● The Basics of the Nuclear World and Nuclear Philosophy ● The China story since 1945 ● Proxy Wars of the Cold War Era: Third World examples ● Introduction to the Middle East ● Persistent problems in the Middle East ● 1979: The year that changed everything: The Iranian Hostage Crisis and the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan ● The end of the Cold War
Unit 6: The Future The Role of the Citizen in the 21st Century	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflecting war and peace in the 21st Century ● Constitutional War Powers ● What is the public's role in decisions about war? ● International Relations Theory: Models of Conflict and Cooperation ● The Wars of 9-11: Afghanistan, Iraq, and the War on Terror ● Why the public disengagement from the Wars of 9-11? ● The contested meaning of 9-11? ● Political Efficacy and the Millennial Generation