

Civics/American Government—Schedule for Topics and Skills

Weeks	Memory Work	Bible Reading	History/Social Studies	Geography	Biography
1	Deuteronomy 4:5–8	Use of the Law; Christ and the Law; Restoration of Biblical Casuistry	Introduction to American Government in the 19th Century; Introduction to American Government in the 20th Century; Introduction: the Political Crisis	<i>United States, Germany, Russia, Sweden, England, Ecuador</i>	Jim Elliot
2	Deuteronomy 4:5–8	The Woman Taken in Adultery; the Tribute Money; the Law in Acts and the Epistles; Natural and Supernatural Law	Introduction: the Political Crisis; Significance of Written Constitution; Powers of Congress; the Constitution (Art. I); Powers of the President; Authority of the Courts; A Mixed Government	<i>England, United States, Ecuador</i>	Jim Elliot
3	Passage of your choice	Natural and Supernatural Law; the Law as Direction and Life; the Restoration of Biblical Casuistry	The Constitution (Arts. II–VII); A Republic; A Federal System of Government; A Limited Government; the Bill of Rights; Constitutional Amendments 1–3	<i>United States, Ecuador</i>	Jim Elliot
4	Passage of your choice	What is Covenant Law?; Pro-Nomianism; What are the Case Laws; Biblical Theology of Slavery	The Bill of Rights; Constitutional Amendments 4–10; Judeo-Christian Background; Greek Rationalism; Socrates; Plato; Aristotle	<i>Greece, Ecuador</i>	Jim Elliot
5	Passage of your choice	Biblical Theology of Slavery; the Prohibition Against Usury	Cicero; the Philosopher Kings; the Middle Ages	<i>Rome, Ecuador</i>	Cicero, Jim Elliot
6	Passage of your choice	Biblical Theology of Slavery	The Middle Ages; the Renaissance; the Reformation	<i>Europe</i>	
7	Passage of your choice	Biblical Theology of Slavery	The Age of Reason; the Magna Carta; the English Heritage; the Political and Religious Backdrop of the Founding of the United States; the Reformation's Role in Advancing Political and Religious Liberty	<i>Paris, England</i>	
8	Passage of your choice	Victim's Rights vs. the Messianic State	Martin Luther's Protest; Calvin and the Presbyterians; Calvin's Resistance Theory; Tudor Family and the English Reformation; Stuart Family and the Divine Right of Kings; Two Revolutions in England Set the Stage for America's Birth; Civil War (Puritan Revolution) in England and Rutherford's Lex Rex; Westminster Assembly and Confession; Defeat of Charles I and the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell; Restoration and John Locke	<i>Germany, Geneva, England</i>	Martin Luther, John Calvin, Henry VIII, James VI, Charles I, Samuel Rutherford, Oliver Cromwell, John Locke

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9	Passage of your choice	Law as Warfare; Law and Equality; the Negativism of the Law; Victim's Rights vs. the Messianic State	Excursion: the Enlightenment; the Whigs and Algernon Sidney; the Glorious Revolution; John Locke's Political Philosophy; Political Changes of the 17th Century; British Political Thought; Richard Hooker; Thomas Hobbes; John Milton; John Locke; Trenchard and Gordon	<i>England, Scotland, Virginia, West Virginia, Malden, Hampton, Washington D.C.</i>	Algernon Sidney, John Locke, Richard Hooker, Thomas Hobbes, John Milton, John Trenchard, Thomas Gordon, Booker T. Washington
10	Passage of your choice	Swearing and Revolution; the Oath and Society; Swearing and Worship; the Oath and Authority; the Family and Delinquency	Sir William Blackstone; Adam Smith; the Flight of the Reformation to America; Basing Government Upon the Consent of the Governed; A Government of Laws, and Not of Men; Calvin's Dilemma; Puritan Predicament in America; Roger Williams; Anne Hutchinson; Puritan Desperation; Salem Witch Trials; First Great Awakening; Impact of the Awakening; the Socio-Cultural Backdrop for the Founding of the United States; the English Common Law: Our National Birthright; Common Law and Christian Morality	<i>West Virginia, Charleston, Hampton, Tuskegee, Alabama, New England, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Salem</i>	Sir William Blackstone, Adam Smith, Roger Williams, Anne Hutchinson, John Wesley, George Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards, Booker T. Washington
11	Passage of your choice	The Family and Delinquency; the Principle of Authority; Wives and Concubines	American Colonial Experience; Practical Political Experience; Development of Ideas on Liberty; the Common Law and the Founding; Edward Coke; William Blackstone; Thomas Jefferson	<i>United States, Tuskegee, Madison, Boston, Atlanta</i>	Edward Coke, William Blackstone, Thomas Jefferson, Booker T. Washington
12	Passage of your choice	Wives and Concubines; the Family and Authority; the Limitations of Man's Authority	The American Revolution; Between Plymouth Rock and Independence Hall; the Religious Controversy that Ignited the Revolution; Samuel Adams and the Sons of Liberty; the "Presbyterian Rebellion"; Two Founding Documents; the Law of Nature and Nature's God; A Season of Constitution Making; Declaration of Independence	<i>United States, Boston, Tuskegee, New York, Antwerp, Holland, Belgium, Paris, London</i>	Samuel Adams, Booker T. Washington

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13	Passage of your choice	“Thou Shalt Not Kill”; the Death Penalty; Origins of the State: Its Prophetic Office; “To Make Alive”	Declaration of Independence; Self-Evident Truths, Inalienable Rights, and Slavery; Consent of the Governed; Relying on Divine Providence; State Constitutions; Government in the States; Government at the State Level; the Executive	<i>Massachusetts</i>	
14	Passage of your choice	Abortion; Restitution or Restoration; Military Laws and Production; Taxation; Love and Law	The Legislature; State Courts; County Governments; Municipal Governments; Other Local Governments; Your State Constitution		
15	Passage of your choice	Coercion; Quarantine Laws; Dietary Rules; Work; Amalek	State Constitutions; Virginia Bill of Rights; Articles of Confederation; Constitution of 1787	<i>Virginia, Philadelphia</i>	
16	Passage of your choice	Amalek and Violence; Violence as Presumption; Social Inheritance: Landmarks; Dominion; Theft	Constitution of 1787; Constitution: Preamble, Art. I, Secs. 1–4; Constitution: Amend. 17; the Federal Constitution; the Nature of Federalism; the Federalist Papers; the Constitution and Religious Language		
17	Passage of your choice	Restitution and Forgiveness; Liability of the Bystander; Money and Measure; Fraud; Eminent Domain	Constitution: Art. I, Secs. 5–10; Constitution: Art. II, Secs. 1–4; Amendment XII		
18	Passage of your choice	Labor Laws; Robbing God; Prison; Lawful Wealth; Restitution to God	Constitution: Art. III, Secs. 1–3; Art. IV, Secs. 1–2; Arts. V–VII		
19	Passage of your choice	The Rights of Strangers, Widows and Orphans; Injustice as Robbery; Theft and Law; Criminal Law and Restoration	Constitution: Amendments 1–10; Separation of Church and State; Religious Climate in Colonial Virginia; Madison and Jefferson; Virginia Bill of Rights; Taxes and the Use of Force; Jefferson’s Statute for Religious Freedom; the Baptist Influence on Jefferson; What Jefferson Said; Religious Taxes; James Madison’s Reply; Madison’s Impact; Contemporary Views	<i>Virginia</i>	Thomas Jefferson, James Madison
20	Passage of your choice	Criminal Law and Restoration; the Auction for Substitute Sanctions	Separation of Church and State		

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21	Passage of your choice	The Auction for Substitute Sanctions; the Ransom for a Life	Separation of Church and State		
22	Passage of your choice	The Ransom for a Life; the Uncovered Pit; Proportional Restitution	Separation of Church and State		
23	Passage of your choice	Proportional Restitution	Separation of Church and State; Establishing a General Government; Putting the Government in Operation; Setting an Economic Course; Foreign Affairs; Washington's Farewell Address	<i>England, France, Spain, West Florida</i>	
24	Passage of your choice	Pollution, Ownership, and Responsibility	Washington's Farewell Address; the Rise of Political Parties		
25	Passage of your choice	Pollution, Ownership, and Responsibility	Limited Constitutional Government; the Jeffersonians; Economy in Government; Checks and Balances in Practice; the Jacksonians		Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson
26	Passage of your choice	Pollution, Ownership, and Responsibility; Safekeeping, Liability, and Crime Prevention	the Constitution as Higher Law: the Establishment of the Supreme Court; Major Decisions of the Marshall Court; the Taney Court		John Marshall, Roger Taney
27	Passage of your choice	Caretaking and Negligence; Tempting God; Corroboration; Perjury	Civil War and Reconstruction: Constitutional Disruption and Restoration; Republicans in Power; Conduct of the War and Presidential Reconstruction; American Civil War		
28	Passage of your choice	False Freedom; the Lying Tongue; Slander; Trials by Ordeal and the Law of Nature; Judges	American Civil War; Segregation and Racism in the Deep South	<i>New Orleans</i>	John Howard Griffin
29	Passage of your choice	The Responsibility of Judges and Rulers; the Court; the Procedure of the Court; the Judgment of the Court; the Law in Force	American Civil War; Segregation and Racism in the Deep South	<i>New Orleans, Mississippi</i>	John Howard Griffin
30	Passage of your choice	Seduction and Servitude; Oppression, Omniscience, and Judgment	Conduct of the War and Presidential Reconstruction; Congressional Reconstruction; Constitutional Reconstruction; American Civil War; Segregation and Racism in the Deep South	<i>Mississippi, Mobile, Montgomery, Georgia</i>	John Howard Griffin

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31	Passage of your choice	Oppression, Omniscience, and Judgment	Constitutional Restoration; American Civil War; Segregation and Racism in the Deep South	<i>Atlanta, New Orleans, Mansfield</i>	John Howard Griffin
32	Passage of your choice	The Prohibition Against Usury	Preparation for Leviathan; Cutting Away the Foundations; the Rise of Socialism; Major Reforms of Progressives; Presidential Leadership; 16th Amendment; 17th Amendment; the Federal Reserve System; American Civil War		
33	Passage of your choice	Impartial Justice and Legal Predictability; Finders Should Not Be Keepers	Progressivism; Federal Reserve System; Breaking the Constitutional Dam; Emergency Used to Justify Action; Overwhelming Congress; Bringing the Courts to Heel; American Civil War		
34	Passage of your choice	Bribery and Judgment; Feasts and Citizenship	Buying the People; Overwhelming the State Governments; Buying and Controlling the States; States Reduced to Minions by the Warren Court; the Segregation Decisions; Reappointment Decisions; Federal Courts Intervene in Criminal Prosecutions; Driving Religion and Morality Out of Public Life; American Civil War		
35	Passage of your choice	Feasts and Citizenship; the Curse of Zero Growth	Pornography, Vulgarity, and Obscenity; Abortion; Government Out of Control; Fiscal Policy and Spending; the Welfare State; Foreign Aid; the Credit Expansion System		
36	Passage of your choice	The Curse of Zero Growth	Bureaucracy; the Ubiquitous Bureaucracy; Bureaucratic Barriers; Oppressions Large and Small; Crime, Punishment, and Litigation; Potpourri		