Course of Study: American Government (Grades 11-12)



Topic: Civic Involvement

Content Statement 1:

Opportunities for civic engagement within the structures of government are made possible through political and public policy processes.

Content Elaboration:

A variety of opportunities exist at the local, state, and national levels for students to engage with issues that appeal to them.

As students look for opportunities for civic engagement, they will identify issues, and then research, debate, and propose appropriate solutions. As part of this process, students will devise action plans, and examine the possible consequences of each proposed solution, weighing the costs and benefits of each approach.

Political processes are related to the acquisition of governmental power and influencing governmental decision-making. Public policy processes are related to the institutional actions and procedures involved with the government carrying out its functions.

Expectations for Learning:

Devise and implement a plan to address a problem by engaging either the political process or the public policy process.

Materials:

- -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 Teacher Curriculum Institute
- TCI Government Alive Civic engagement tool kit book

How Taught?

- -Government Alive Lesson 1 Activity- The Nature of Power, Politics, and Government
- -Government Alive Lesson 7 Activity- Citizen Participation in a Democracy
- -Government Alive Lesson 8 Activity- Parties, Interest Groups, and Public Policy
- -Provide information on local opportunities for citizen engagement
- -Support Senior Projects related to civic engagement

How Assessed?

- -Complete Activity for Government Alive Lesson 7 Activity- Citizen Participation in a Democracy
- -Completed senior project
- -ODE generated AIR questions
- -Formative Assessments (Activities, Pear Deck,etc.)
- -Summative Assessments (Multiple Choice, Short Answer Response, Essay
- -Response, Projects)

How Re-Taught?

-Provide an alternative scenario and method for Citizen Participation from the assignment above

Topic: Civic Involvement

Content Statement 2:

Political parties, interest groups, and the media provide opportunities for civic involvement through various means.

Content Elaboration:

Political parties consist of organizations whose members hold similar views on public issues. Political parties seek to determine public policy through winning elections and having their members hold public office.

Interest groups consist of organizations whose members hold similar views on public issues. Interest groups seek to influence the making and execution of public policy by engaging in political and public policy processes.

Media are various means of mass communication with different audiences. Political parties and interest groups use media to influence the political and public-policy processes.

Expectations for Learning:

Select a political party or interest group to address a civic issue, identify a type of media as a means of communication, then defend the viability of the choices made in an effort to achieve a successful result in resolving the civic issue.

How Taught?

- -Presidential Elections project
- -Read excerpts from the Democrat and Republican Party Platforms
- -Students research an interest group of their choosing
- -Video clips of political commercials, speeches, and conventions
- -Clips from late night talk shows-debate news v. entertainment
- -Policy issue debate
- -Government Alive Lesson 8 Activity- Parties, Interest Groups, and Public Policy
- Preview and Introduction activities (discussion of political ads from recent presidential campaigns
- Guided Reading Questions (Political Parties, Interest Groups, Public Policy)
- Researching "planks" of Democratic and Republican parties; discussion follow-up (Political Parties)
- The Potato Problem Activity (Interest Groups)
- Experiential Exercise: students work in groups to create informational Websites about simulated presidential candidates and interest groups before participating in a meet-and-greet to learn about the relationship between politicians and interest groups.
- Dynamics of policy making: issue identification, agenda setting, policy formulation, policy adoption, implementation, evaluation (Public Policy)
- News War, PBS series current and future challenges facing the news media
- Gallery Walk: exploring persuasive techniques used in media

- Analyzing Historical Political Commercials Activity: Students analyze political commercials looking for persuasive techniques and evaluate their effectiveness - Making Political Commercials Activity: student make political commercials using persuasive techniques learned for candidates from previous Experiential Exercise activity Materials: -How Assessed? -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Presidential Elections Project (rubric) Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute -Guided reading -Political Party (Democrat and Republican) websites for platform access -ODE generated AIR questions -Interest Group websites -Presentations (rubric) -YoutTube videos of political commercials, speeches, and conventions -Multiple Choice questions -Video links of school board and city/village council meetings -Related news clips and articles from major news networks -Short Answer response -iCivics online curriculum -Essay responses - PBS series News War - Part III - "What's Happening to the News" Formative Assessments (Activities, Pear Deck, etc.) -Summative Assessments (Multiple Choice, Short Answer Response, Essay Response, Projects) How Re-Taught? -Teacher-directed instruction -Universal Design for Learning principles offering students opportunities to experience and engage material in new and different ways -Remediation and review- Learning Labs

Topic: Civic Participation and Skills

Content Statement 3:

Issues can be analyzed through the critical use of credible sources.

Content Elaborations:

Researching a civic issue involves determining which sources of information are relevant to the task, identifying the perspective or position of each source, and evaluating the credibility of the sources. Considerations involved with determining the credibility of sources and/or media outlets include:

How Taught?

- -Direct instruction; small groups;
- -Evidence of credible sources in charts and graphs used in college, career, and tax lessons
- -Current Event Presentation Assignment- students answer credibility of media sources questions under the Ohio Department of Education Model Curriculum (Content Statement 3; Content Elaborations)

- -the qualifications/reputation of the writer and/or organization;
- -the circumstances in which the source material was generated;
- -internal consistency and agreement with other credible sources;
- -use of supporting evidence and logical conclusions; and
- -evidence of bias or unstated assumptions.

- -Use of charts, graphs, and data generated by federal and state departments and agencies
- -Government Alive Lesson 7 Activity- Civic Participation in a Democracy

Expectations for Learning:

Identify the factors that determine the credibility of a source and evaluate the credibility of a given source.

Materials:

- -News Articles, coupled with the Ohio Department of Education Model Curriculum (Content Statement 3; Content Elaborations)
- -History Alive Tool Kit Credible Sources

How Assessed?

- -End of topic assessment;
- -Focusing Question Task
- -Current Event presentation rubric
- -Vocabulary Assessments
- -ODE generated AIR questions
- -Formative Assessments (Activities, Pear Deck,etc.)
- -Summative Assessments (Multiple Choice, Short Answer Response, Essay Response, Projects)

How Re-Taught?

- -Teacher-directed instruction
- -Universal Design for Learning principles offering students opportunities to experience and engage material in new and different ways
- -Remediation and review- Learning Labs

Topic: Civic Participation and Skills

Content Statement 4:

The processes of persuasion, compromise, consensus building, and negotiation contribute to the democratic process.

Content Elaboration:

The focus of this standard is on the group dynamics and interpersonal skills involved in decision making. This complements the focus of other content statements on the formal procedures and institutions of governing. The democratic process depends on these skills for effective functioning. These skills are studied and assessed within a real-world context as a collective, interdependent group as opposed to isolated techniques. For example, negotiation may involve persuasion and lead to compromise.

While these skills are presented in the abstract here, students examine them in the context of the rest of the course. No specialized or technical understanding of these terms is required; common definitions are sufficient for examining the contributions these skills make to the democratic process.

Expectations for Learning:

Explain how persuasion, compromise, consensus building, and negotiation help the democratic process and achieve agreement and settle differences in governing.

Materials:

- -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 Teacher Curriculum Institute
- -History Alive Tool Kit Credible Sources

How Taught?

Direct instruction; small groups;

- -Government Alive Lesson 7 Activity- Citizen Participation in a Democracy
- -Provide information on local opportunities for citizen engagement
- -Scenarios Worksheet- Teacher generated. Application of scenarios to 4 processes.

How Assessed?

- -Formative and Summative Assessments
- -Government Alive Activity
- -Scenarios worksheet
- -ODE generated AIR questions

How Re-Taught?

*teacher directed instruction

Topic: Basic Principles of the U.S. Constitution

Content Statement 5:

As the supreme law of the land, the U.S. Constitution incorporates basic principles that help define the government of the United States as a federal republic including its structure, powers, and relationship with the governed.

Content Elaboration:

Basic principles which help define the government of the United States include:

popular sovereignty;

limited government;

federalism;

separation of powers; and

checks and balances.

Popular sovereignty is the principle that governmental authority is derived from the people. Under this principle, the government governs with the consent of the governed.

The principle of limited government holds that a government can only exercise the powers granted to it. Government must be conducted according to the rule of law.

Federalism is a system in which power is divided between national and state governments. Under the U.S. Constitution, this principle is reflected in the division of powers between the national government and the states.

The principle of separation of powers requires a distribution of governmental

How Taught?

-Government Alive Lesson 4 Activity-The United States Constitution

-Read the Constitution

Graphic Organizer:

4.4 Government Alive! - "Guiding Principles of the Constitution"

Activity - Challenge 2 - Constitutional Law 2:

Students were asked to look up certain constitutional provisions and decide which of the six guiding principles is being exemplified. Whole group discussion of findings, correct provisions were revealed, and students completed the graphic organizers. 10 "cards" = 10 provisions.

iCivics Curriculum:

"Constitutional Principles" Activities

Reading and Guided Reading:

6.2 Government Alive! - "The Establishment of a Federal System"

Response Group Activity:

Students got into groups of three to examine a case study to analyze a conflict between national and state government. Groups were asked to determine whether a legitimate use of power existed.

<u>Case 1:</u> United States v. Lopez (1995) - Federalism and Gun Control Laws

<u>Case 2:</u> Lorillard Tobacco Company v. Reilly (2001) - Federalism and Tobacco Advertising Laws

<u>Case 3:</u> Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation v. EPA (2004) - Federalism and Air Pollution Laws

iCivics Curriculum:

"Power to the States!" Activities

powers among independent branches. Each of the branches has a specific field of authority and unique set of responsibilities within the operation of the government.

Checks and balances constitute a system for controlling government power. Under this principle, each branch of government possesses the ability to restrain certain actions of the other branches.

Expectations for Learning:

Explain in context one of the basic principles which help define the government of the United States.

"What States Do" Activities

Materials:

- -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 Teacher Curriculum Institute
- iCivics online curriculum

How Assessed?

End of topic assessment; Constitution Presentations (rubric) Formative and Summative Assessment -ODE generated AIR questions

Formative Assessments (Activities, Pear Deck,etc.)
Summative Assessments (Multiple Choice, Short Answer Response, Essay Response, Projects)

How Re-Taught?

*teacher directed instruction

Topic: Basic Principles of the U.S. Constitution

Content Statement 6:

The Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers framed the national debate over the basic principles of government encompassed by the Constitution of the United States and led to the adoption of the Bill of Rights.

Content Elaboration:

The supporters of the ratification of the Constitution became known as Federalists and the opponents as Anti-Federalists. The Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers discussed key principles of government as they related to the circumstances of that time.

How Taught?

Direct instruction; small groups;

-Government Alive Lesson 4 Activity-The United States Constitution

Reading and Guided Reading:

- 3.5 Government Alive! "Ratifying the Constitution"
- 3.6 Government Alive! "Adding a Bill of Rights"

iCivics Curriculum:

Federalists argued:

- -for Constitutional ratification;
- -for the supremacy of the national government;
- -for more powers to be given to the national government to address weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation (e.g., no power to tax and no national executive or judicial branches); and
- -for the "necessary and proper" and "supremacy" clauses.

Anti-Federalist argued:

- -against Constitutional ratification;
- -for supremacy of the state governments;
- -for the need of a national bill of rights to protect citizens from the powers of national government; and
- -against the "necessary and proper" and "supremacy" clauses.

The Constitution was ratified and the Anti-Federalists achieved success with the limitations on government by the adoption of the Bill of Rights.

Expectations for Learning:

Identify Federalist and Anti-Federalist viewpoints using excerpts from the Federalist and/or Anti-Federalist Papers.

"The Federalist Debate" activities "No Bill of Rights, No Deal" activities

ODE generated Federalist V Anti-Federalist chart Kahoot- Teacher generated Excerpts-Federalist Papers and Brutus 1

Materials:

- -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 Teacher Curriculum Institute
- iCivics online curriculum

How Assessed?

- -Socratic Seminar
- -Formative and Summative Assessment)
- -ODE generated AIR questions
- -iCivics activity

-Kahoot

- -Guided Reading
- -Formative Assessments (Activities, Pear Deck, etc.)
- -Summative Assessments (Multiple Choice, Short Answer Response, Essay
- -Response, Projects)

How Re-Taught?

*teacher directed instruction

Topic: Basic Principles of the U.S. Constitution

Content Statement 7:

Constitutional government in the United States has changed over time as a result of amendments to the U.S. Constitution, Supreme Court decisions, legislation, and informal practices.

Content Elaboration:

The operations of government in the United States take place within a framework provided by the U.S. Constitution. However, the U.S. Constitution has been amended, interpreted, and implemented in a variety of ways.

The processes for formally amending the U.S. Constitution are outlined in the document. Constitutional amendments have added to, modified, replaced and/or voided provisions of the original document and previous amendments.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in deciding cases brought before it, has frequently interpreted provisions of the U.S. Constitution to clarify and extend their meaning. With its power of judicial review, the Supreme Court has also declared actions of the branches and of the states to be unconstitutional. The U.S. Congress, in creating legislation, has provided details which build upon the framework of the Constitution. For example, civil rights acts and voting rights acts have provided specific directions to promote constitutional

How Taught?

Mini-Presentation:

(based on textbook 4.3 "Amending the Constitution") - close examination of the two-step amendment process as outlined in Article V of the Constitution.

Amendments Project:

Students collaborate to create a Google Presentation that focuses on the main ideas and important facts established by assigned groupings of amendments from the Constitution. Each group gives a synopsis of the amendment(s), explains the historical context of each amendment, and describes the impact of the amendment(s) on government and society.

iCivics Curriculum:

- "Civil Rights Act of 1964" Activities
- "Voting Rights Act of 1965" Activities
- -Read excerpts from Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965

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Informal practices also have changed how constitutional government has been implemented in the United States. These practices are related to provisions in the Constitution, but venture into areas not specifically addressed in the Constitution. For example, legislative oversight of the executive branch grew in part out of Congress' need for information to help draft new legislation.

Expectations for Learning:

Select an example of how constitutional government in the United States has changed the meaning and application of any one of the basic principles which help define the government of the United States and explain the nature of the change.

Materials:

- -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 Teacher Curriculum Institute
- iCivics online curriculum
- -Read Amendments- U.S. Constitution

How Assessed?

End of topic assessment;

-Focusing Question Task

Socratic Seminar

- -End of Module Task (Opinion)
- -Vocabulary Assessments
- -ODE generated AIR questions
- -Amendments Project
- -iCivics Activities

Formative Assessments (Activities, Pear Deck, etc.)

Summative Assessments (Multiple Choice, Short Answer Response, Essay Response, Projects)

How Re-Taught?

*teacher directed instruction

Topic: Basic Principles of the U.S. Constitution

Content Statement 8:

The Bill of Rights was drafted to ensure the protection of civil liberties of the people and place limits on the federal government.

Content Elaboration:

How Taught?

The Bill of Rights and Civil Liberties - Introduction activities

The protection of civil liberties and limits on the federal government found in the Bill of Rights include, but are not limited to:

freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment: religion, assembly, press, petition, speech;

the right to bear arms;

no unreasonable search and seizure, no warrants without probable cause;

no self-incrimination, protection against double jeopardy;

right to speedy and public trial by an impartial jury, right to be informed of the charges, the right to confront one's accuser(s), the right to counsel;

no cruel or unusual punishment; and,

any power not given to the federal government is given to the states or the people.

Expectations for Learning:

Apply the protections of the Bill of Rights in a given scenario.

Scenario analysis - balancing student rights with powers and responsibilities of school officials (locker search) - probable cause vs. reasonable suspicion

Students read about and analyze Schenck v. United States (1919)

Reading and Guided Reading:

5.2 Government Alive! - "Defining and Protecting Your Rights and Liberties"

Anticipation Guide:

5.3 Government Alive! - "Your First Amendment Rights" - students individually make predictions about scenarios involving First Amendment rights. Then, within small groups, they discuss their predictions and make changes if they want. Next, individuals get into the reading to search for evidence that either supports or refutes their predictions. Finally, students engage in a whole group discussion regarding evidence found. The reading focused students towards key First Amendment Supreme Court cases.

Activity: Problem-Solving Groupwork - Government Alive!

Phase 1 - Students prepare arguments for a mock Supreme Court hearing focused on a conflict rights between First Amendment rights of high school students and the authority and responsibilities of school districts

Phase 2 - Students present prepared oral arguments for their cases and others serve as Supreme Court justices who will issue a decision.

Case 1: Wallace v. Jaffree (1985)

Case 2: Bethel v. Fraser (1986)

Case 3: Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier (1988)

Case 4: Board of Education of Westside Community Schools v. Mergens (1990)

Reading and Guided Reading (Graphic Organizer):

5.4 Government Alive! - "Protections Against Abuses of Government Power" 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Amendments

5.5 Government Alive! - "Your Rights in the Legal System"

5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Amendments

5.6 Government Alive! - "Rights and Powers of the States and the People" 9th and 10th Amendments

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	Amendments Bracket Challenge-teacher generated Amendments Slide Show (teacher generated)			
Materials: -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute - Supreme Court cases - www.oyez.org	How Assessed? End of topic assessment; -ODE generated AIR questions -Activities and Guided reading Formative Assessments (Activities, Pear Deck,etc.) Summative Assessments (Multiple Choice, Short Answer Response, Essay Response, Projects) How Re-Taught? *teacher directed instruction			

Topic: Basic Principles of the U.S. Constitution

Content Statement 9: The constitutional amendments known collectively as the Reconstruction Amendments extended new constitutional protections to African-Americans, though the struggle to fully achieve equality would continue.

Content Elaboration:

The new constitutional protections extended under the Reconstruction Amendments include:

abolishing slavery;

defining and extending citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the U.S.:

prohibiting the states from denying due process and equal protection

How Taught?

-"Eyes on the Prize" (PBS)- "Fighting Back (1957-1972)

-Summaries of laws and Supreme Court cases related to Amendments 13-15 (including Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act of 1965, Brown v. Board of Education). Case studies for Brown v Board of Education and Hearts of Atlanta Motel v US

Amendments Project:

Students collaborate to create a Google Presentation that focuses on the main ideas and important facts established by assigned groupings of amendments from the Constitution. Each group gives a synopsis of the amendment(s), explains the historical context of each amendment, and describes the impact of the amendment(s) on government and society.

of the law to all persons; and

preventing the denial of voting rights based on race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

These amendments were originally designed to protect African Americans. However, they did not result in immediate equality. Jim Crow laws were enacted to enforce racial segregation until the mid-20th century.

Application of these protections have been extended to other groups.

Expectations for Learning:

Analyze how the Reconstruction Amendments attempted to address African American inequality through the new constitutional protections.

Explain the continued struggles faced by African Americans despite the passage of these amendments.

One assigned grouping of amendments: "Three Civil War-Era Amendments" - 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments

iCivics Curriculum:

"Citizenship Clause" Activities

"Equal Protection Clause" Activities

"Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)" Activities

"Brown v. Board of Education (1954)" Activities

"Civil Rights Act of 1964" Activities

"Voting Rights Act of 1965" Activities

Materials:

-Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute

- iCivics online curriculum

How Assessed?

End of topic assessment;

- -Formative and Summative Assessments
- -Socratic Seminar
- -Supreme Court case study
- -Bracket Challenge-Amendments
- -ODE generated AIR questions

Formative Assessments (Activities, Pear Deck, etc.)

Summative Assessments (Multiple Choice, Short Answer Response, Essay Response, Projects)

How Re-Taught?

*teacher directed instruction

Topic: Basic Principles of the U.S. Constitution

Content Statement 10:

Constitutional amendments have provided for civil rights such as suffrage for disenfranchised groups.

Content Elaboration:

Some amendments prohibited the denial of voting rights based on the following:

- -race, color, or previous condition of servitude;
- -age (18-20-year olds); and
- -gender.

Poll taxes also limited voting rights for poor people although they were originally designed to keep African Americans from voting.

Expectations for Learning:

Explain how amendments have extended voting rights to disenfranchised groups.

How Taught?

-Read and analyze Amendments 15, 19, 24, 26

Amendments Project:

Students collaborate to create a Google Presentation that focuses on the main ideas and important facts established by assigned groupings of amendments from the Constitution. Each group gives a synopsis of the amendment(s), explains the historical context of each amendment, and describes the impact of the amendment(s) on government and society.

Three assigned groupings of amendments:

"Three Civil War-Era Amendments" - 13th, 14th, and **15th** Amendments "Four Progressive-Era Amendments" - 16th, 17th, 18th, and **19th** Amendments "Three Civil Rights-Era Amendments Extended Voting Rights" **23rd**, **24th**, and **26th** Amendments

Reading and Guided Reading:

10.2 Government Alive! - "Your Right to Vote"

<u>Presentation and Check for Understanding Activities: "Extension of Voting Rights"</u>

Students explore a chronological evolution of voting rights in America: what a voter looked like at America's founding (and who was left out), how changes came about (state laws, Constitutional amendments), what changes occurred.

Materials:

- -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 Teacher Curriculum Institute
- iCivics online curriculum

How Assessed?

End of topic assessment;

- -Bracket Challenge
- -Formative and Summative Assessments
- -Socratic Seminar
- -ODE generated AIR questions

Formative Assessments (Activities, Pear Deck, etc.)

Summative Assessments (Multiple Choice, Short Answer Response, Essay Response, Projects)

How Re-Taught?
*teacher directed instruction

Topic: Basic Principles of the U.S. Constitution

Content Statement 11:

Constitutional amendments have altered provisions for the structure and functions of the federal government.

Content Elaboration:

The Framers of the Constitution created a method of presidential selection that reflected the nation's federal system of government. The president would be chosen based on electoral votes from the states. A candidate is required to win a majority of the total number of electoral votes in order to secure the presidency. Electoral votes are determined based upon the number of each state's representatives and senators.

Some amendments have altered the procedures of the Electoral College:

- -Separate balloting for president and vice president was established to avoid a tie in electoral votes.
- -The District of Columbia was granted electoral votes.

Other amendments have altered the functioning of government:

- -Presidential term limits.
- -Presidential succession and disability.

Expectations for Learning:

Describe how constitutional amendments have changed the structure and function of the federal government with regard to the Electoral College and the U.S. Presidency.

How Taught?

Direct instruction; small groups;

- -Government Alive Lesson 4 Activity-The United States Constitution
- -Government Alive Lesson 10- Political Campaigns and Elections simulation
- -Read Amendments 20, 22, 25- Slideshow and discussion

-Amendments Project:

Students collaborate to create a Google Presentation that focuses on the main ideas and important facts established by assigned groupings of amendments from the Constitution. Each group gives a synopsis of the amendment(s), explains the historical context of each amendment, and describes the impact of the amendment(s) on government and society.

Three assigned groupings of amendments:

- "Two Early Amendments that Strengthened the New Federal Government" -11th, and **12th**
- "Three Civil Rights-Era Amendments Extended Voting Rights" **23rd**, 24th, and 26th Amendments
- "Four Twentieth-Century Amendments that Addressed Governance" 20th, **22nd**, **25th**, and 27th

Materials:

-Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute

How Assessed?

-Formative and summative assessments

-Socratic Seminar
-ODE generated AIR questions

How Re-Taught?
*teacher directed instruction

Topic: Structures and Functions of the Federal Government

Content Statement 12:

Law and public policy are created and implemented by three branches of government; each functions with its own set of powers and responsibilities.

Content Elaboration:

Laws are rules recognized as binding and enforced by a government. Public policy consists of institutional actions and procedures pursued by a government in carrying out its functions. Each of the three branches of government has a role related to law and the creation of public policy.

Legislative Branch:

- -makes laws:
- -declares war; and
- -imposes taxes.

Executive Branch:

- -enforces the law:
- -issues executive orders; and
- -appoints and receives ambassadors.

Judicial Branch:

-interprets the law;

How Taught?

Direct instruction; small groups;

Government Alive Lesson 11 Activity-Lawmaking and Legislatures

Bill Simulation- Student generated and debated bills (includes executive agency responsible for enforcing the law; not be Constitutional)

Students research current policy initiatives

Reading and Guided Reading:

4.2 Government Alive! - "Elements of the Constitution"

Activity - Challenge 1 - Constitutional Law 1:

Students receive a hard copy of a graphic organizer and digital materials via Google Classroom to complete the activity. Students search provisions of the Constitution to find answers to scenarios/questions presented via "cards." Many of the concepts/elaborations on the cards cover this content statement.

Reading and Guided Reading:

4.5 Government Alive! - "Interpreting the Constitution"

Activity - Challenge 3 - Constitutional Law 3:

Students synthesize all they have learned about the Constitution by analyzing three Supreme Court cases that involve interpretation of the document.

Case 1: Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. v. Sawyer (1952)

Case 2: Gonzales v. Raich (2004)
Case 3: Hamdi v. Rumsfeld (2004)

-hears cases with original jurisdiction; and

-hears appeals from lower courts.

Expectations for Learning:

Compare the powers and responsibilities of each branch of government as they pertain to law and public policy.

Materials:

-Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute

How Assessed?

- -Formative and Summative Assessment
- -Bill Simulation-rubrics for bill creating, caucusing, and bill debate
- -Policy initiatives research (rubric)

-ODE generated AIR questions

How Re-Taught?

*teacher directed instruction

Topic: Structures and Functions of the Federal Government

Content Statement 13:

The political process creates a dynamic interaction among the three branches of government in addressing current issues.

Content Elaboration:

Current issues are addressed by all three branches of the government as they make public policy. The interactions among the branches range from instances where they work together in concert to instances involving the exercise of checks and balances. Examples include:

- -legislative branch checking the executive: overrides vetoes, impeaches and removes civil officers, approves appointments and treaties;
- -legislative branch checking the judicial: impeaches and removes

How Taught?

- -Direct instruction; small groups;
- -Government Alive Lesson 11 Activity-Lawmaking and Legislatures
- -Principles of the Constitution Cards/Questions-National Constitution Center
- -Interest Group Assignment- Student research and presentations
- -Read excerpts of Democratic and Republican Party Platforms-use the most up-to-date version. Includes student-researched news articles related to the platform selection they select

Activity - Challenge 1 - Constitutional Law 1:

federal judges, proposes constitutional amendments;

- -executive branch checking the legislative: vetoes legislation;
- -executive branch checking the judicial: nominates federal judges, grants pardons and reprieves;
- -judicial branch checking the legislative: reviews and interprets the laws, declares acts unconstitutional; and
- -judicial branch checking the executive: reviews and interprets the laws, federal judges not subject to removal by president, declares executive acts unconstitutional.

The interaction among the three branches of government is impacted by the following:

- -interest group involvement, e.g. proposing legislation, advocating rules, filing briefs;
- -political party control of the executive and legislative branches;
- -amount of public interest and nature of media coverage/commentary; and
- -informal relationships among the members of each branch.

Expectations for Learning:

Use examples of checks and balances among two or three branches of the federal government to illustrate dynamic interactions.

Materials:

-Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute

How Assessed?

- -Formative and Summative Assessments
- -Student presentations (rubric)
- -ODE generated AIR questions

How Re-Taught?

Students receive a hard copy of a graphic organizer and digital materials via Google Classroom to complete the activity. Students search provisions of the Constitution to find answers to scenarios/questions presented via "cards." Many of the concepts/elaborations on the cards cover this content statement.

*teacher directed instruction

Topic: Role of the People

Content Statement 14:

In the United States, people have rights that protect them from undue governmental interference. Rights carry responsibilities that help define how people use their rights and that require respect for the rights of others.

Content Elaboration:

People in the United States have claims to protection from government intrusion in certain aspects of their lives. These claims are called rights. The federal Bill of Rights not only enumerates many rights, but alludes to other unstated rights.

Many of the rights held by American citizens protect the ability to participate in the political process, such as speech, press, assembly, petition, suffrage, and hold public office. The U.S. Supreme Court, in its interpretation of the 14th Amendment's due process clause, has instituted the doctrine of incorporation meaning that most of the guarantees in the Bill of Rights also apply to state and local governments.

There are general responsibilities of citizenship. They include respecting the rule of law, paying taxes and fees, and accepting responsibility for one's actions. There also are responsibilities associated with the exercise of particular rights. Examples include:

- -right of free speech engaging in civil discourse;
- -right to bear arms receiving firearms training;
- -right to jury trial serving on juries; and
- -right to vote registering to vote and being informed on public issues.

How Taught?

Direct instruction; small groups;

- -Government Alive Lesson 5 Activity-The Bill of Rights and Civil Liberties
- -Teacher generated guided questions to accompany Government Alive (TCI) cases
- -Teacher-generated slide show
- -Civil Liberties Kahoot
- -Amendment Bracket Challenge

Citizenship also includes service to the nation which guarantees the rights of the people. This may include military service, community service and serving in public office. Individual rights are relative, not absolute. The exercise of rights must be balanced by the rights of others and by the common good.

Expectations for Learning:

Explain how the fulfillment of civic responsibilities is related to the exercise of rights in the United States.

Materials:

-Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute

How Assessed?

End of topic assessment;

-Formative and Summative Assessments

-Kahoot-generated data

-Lesson 5 Cases assignments

-ODE generated AIR questions

How Re-Taught?

*teacher directed instruction

Topic: Role of the People

Content Statement 15:

Historically, the United States has struggled with majority rule and the extension of minority rights. As a result of this struggle, the government has increasingly extended civil rights to marginalized groups and broadened opportunities for participation.

Content Elaboration:

The U.S. Constitution guarantees rights to the people of the United States. Historically, despite those guarantees, various groups of people have been denied the ability to fully exercise their rights. Over time, the U.S. government has responded to public pressure to take action to ensure the free exercise of rights by all people and to protect their ability to participate in the processes of governing.

For example, constitutional amendments guaranteed suffrage to women and eliminated poll taxes as a means of restricting African Americans from voting.

How Taught?

Direct instruction; small groups;

-Government Alive Lesson 5 Activity-The Bill of Rights and Civil Liberties

"Eyes on the Prize" (PBS)- "Fighting Back (1957-1972)

-Case Study- Brown v Board of Education

-Socratic discussion and slide shows for related amendments: Amendments 13, 14, 15, 19

-Incorporation case study- Mapp v Ohio

<u>Presentation and Check for Understanding Activities: "Extension of Voting Rights"</u>

Students explore a chronological evolution of voting rights in America: what a voter looked like at America's founding (and who was left out), how changes came about (state laws, Constitutional amendments), what changes occurred.

The executive branch used troops to help integrate schools and brought charges against violators of open housing legislation. The legislative branch enacted a series of civil rights acts and voting rights acts. The U.S. Supreme Court, through the process of incorporation, has used the due process and equal protection clauses in the 14th Amendment to apply most of the federal Bill of Rights to the states.

Expectations for Learning:

Identify an issue related to the denial of civil rights to a particular minority group and explain how at least one branch of the federal government helped to extend civil rights or opportunities for participation to that group of people.

Materials:

-Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute

How Assessed?

- -End of topic assessment;
- -Formative and Summative Assessments
- -ODE generated AIR questions

How Re-Taught?

*teacher directed instruction

Topic: Ohio's State and Local Governments

Content Statement 16:

As a framework for the state, the Ohio Constitution has similarities and differences to the federal Constitution; it was changed in 1851 to address difficulties governing the state.

Content Elaboration:

Similarities between the Ohio and U.S. Constitutions:

- -separation of powers into three branches (executive, judicial, legislative);
- -checks and balances:
- -limited government;
- -bill of rights;
- -popular sovereignty; and
- -elections.

How Taught?

Direct instruction; small groups;

- -Government Alive Lesson 6 Activity-Federalism: National, State, and Local Powers
- -Article: Ohio History Connection: "Ohio Constitution of 1851" and teacher generated questions
- -Student researched and discuss of the most recent state/local initiatives and referendums
- -Government Alive-Principles of the Constitution
- -Brochure: "The Supreme Court of Ohio & the Ohio Judicial System" -Source:
- Ohio Supreme Court. Students answer guided reading questions.
- -Read and debate term limits in Ohio: "Ohio Laws & Administrative

Rules": Source: State of Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Differences between the Ohio and U.S. Constitutions: Ohio Constitution Citizens can directly vote on laws through initiative and referendumJudges are electedLegislators are term limited. U.S. Constitution -Legislators vote on laws for citizensJudges are appointedLegislators do not have term limits. In 1851 a new Ohio Constitution was written which made several changes to improve governing including: -Major executive officials and all judges were to be electedDistrict courts were addedDebt limitations were instituted. Expectations for Learning: Compare the Ohio and U.S. Constitutions.	iCivics Curriculum: "History of Ohio's Constitution" Activities "Comparing Constitutions: Ohio and US" Activities
Materials: -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute - iCivics online curriculum	-How Assessed? End of topic assessment; -Formative and Summative Assessments -Guided Questions -Debate-Term Limits -Vocabulary Assessments -ODE generated AIR questions
	How Re-Taught? *teacher directed instruction

Topic: Ohio's State and Local Governments

Content Statement 17:	How Taught?
Individuals in Ohio have a responsibility to assist state and local governments as they address relevant and often controversial problems that directly affect	Direct instruction; small groups;

their communities. Content Elaboration: Ohioans can assist government in addressing problems affecting the state and local communities. Involvement at the state level can range from paying taxes to serving in the National Guard, running for state office, voting, and signing petitions to place issues on the ballot. Involvement at the local level can range from organizing civic activities to running for local office, attending meetings of local boards and commissions, joining community watch groups, and serving in a volunteer fire department. Expectations for Learning: Identify and explain roles that Ohio's citizens can play in helping state and local government address problems facing their communities.	-Government Alive Lesson 6 Activity-Federalism: National, State, and Local Powers -Student-generated brochures: Describe how citizens demonstrate civic responsibility at the local and state level.
Materials: -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute	How Assessed? -End of topic assessment; -Formative and Summative assessments -Brochures -History Alive simulation -ODE generated AIR questions How Re-Taught? *teacher directed instruction

Topic: Public Policy

Content Statement 18:

Individuals in Ohio have a responsibility to assist state and local governments as they address relevant and often controversial problems that directly affect their communities

Content Elaboration:

Public policy issues are matters of discussion and debate related to the functions of government. They frequently revolve around problems the government is attempting to address and the projected consequences of public policy decisions.

Examples of different levels and different branches of government addressing public policy issues includes:

- -federal executive the Department of State, which advises the president on foreign policy and directs activities of embassies in foreign countries;
- -federal legislative the Congressional Budget Office, which provides analyses of economic and budgetary data
- -state legislative the Ohio Legislative Service -Commission, which assists in drafting legislation;
- -state judicial the Ohio Courts of Common Pleas, which apply sentencing guidelines for convicted felons; and
- -local legislative/executive county commissions, which determine and grant tax abatements.

The complexity of public policy issues may involve multiple levels and branches of government. These levels and branches may engage in collaboration or conflict as they attempt to address public policy issues.

Expectations for Learning:

Analyze a public policy issue in terms of collaboration or conflict among the levels of government involved and the branches of government involved.

Materials:

-Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute

How Taught?

Direct instruction; small groups;

- -Government Alive Lesson 8 Activity- Parties, Interest Groups, and Public Policy
- -Bill Simulation
- -ODE AIR Questions- Discussion questions, answers, and why each choice is either correct or incorrect

How Assessed?

End of topic assessment;

Formative and Summative Assessments

Government Alive assignment

- -Bill Simulation (rubric)
- -ODE generated AIR questions

How Re-Taught?
*teacher directed instruction

Topic: Public Policy

Content Statement 19:

Individuals and organizations play a role within federal, state, and local governments in helping to determine public (domestic and foreign) policy.

Content Elaboration:

Individuals and organizations engage government officials on public policy using several methods. Individuals and organizations can:

- -campaign for candidates who will support their positions once in office:
- -provide information to executive branch officials on the impacts of potential rules and regulations;
- -lobby members of a legislature;
- -provide testimony before legislative committees;
- -propose laws to legislators;
- -prepare briefs to present during judicial proceedings;
- -offer comments during public meetings;
- -conduct letter-writing campaigns; and
- -hold public demonstrations.

Individuals and organizations must know the proper level and branch of government to engage at the various stages of making public policy.

How Taught?

Direct instruction; small groups;

- -Government Alive Lesson 8 Activity- Parties, Interest Groups, and Public Policy
- -Show C-Span coverage of a Congressional Committee. Show testimony or citizens called to meet with lawmakers about a topic or issue (ex:Congressional subcommittee research on elder fraud)
- -Kahoot or game: Match a citizen concern with the correct level or government

Expectations for Learning: Defend different positions on public policy issues and determine an approach for providing effective input to the appropriate level and branch/agency of the government.			
Materials: -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute	How Assessed? End of topic assessment; -Formative and Summative Assessment -Worksheet with questions to accompany Congressional Hearing -Game/Kahoot -ODE generated AIR questions		
	How Re-Taught? *teacher directed instruction		

Topic: Government and the Economy

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The federal government uses spending and tax policy to maintain economic stability and foster economic growth. Regulatory actions carry economic costs and benefits.

Content Elaboration:

Fiscal policy is government decision-making about taxing and spending in an attempt to regulate the American economy. In theory, fiscal policy falls into two broad categories:

- -increased government spending and/or reduced taxes to -encourage economic growth; and
- -decreased government spending and/or increased taxes to slow economic growth.

The imposition of government regulations may foster economic benefits such as prohibiting unfair business practices and providing consumer protections. Government regulations may carry costs such as reduced corporate profits

How Taught?

Direct instruction; small groups;

- -Government Alive Lesson 14 Activity- The Federal Budget
- -Econ Alive Lesson 10 Activity- Government Involvement in the Economy
- -Econ Alive Lesson 14- Fiscal and Monetary Policy Activity

and slower economic growth.	
Expectations for Learning: Explain how the federal government uses fiscal policy to affect changes in the nation's economic conditions.	
Materials: -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute	How Assessed? End of topic assessment; Formative and Summative Assessments -Government and Econ Alive Activities -Kahoot or game -ODE generated AIR questions
	How Re-Taught? *teacher directed instruction

Topic: Government and the Economy

Content Statement 21: The Federal Reserve System uses monetary tools to regulate the nation's money supply and moderate the effects of expansion and contraction in the economy.

Content Elaboration:

Monetary policy involves the Federal Reserve System making decisions about the nation's money supply.

To encourage economic growth, the Federal Reserve System can:

-reduce the amount of money that banks must have on reserve and not use to make loans;

-buy bonds; and

t-ake action that results in lower interest rates.

How Taught?

Direct instruction; small groups;

-Government Alive Lesson 14 Activity- The Federal Budget

Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and White House infographics on the most recent budget. Student analysis and discussion

-Econ Alive Lesson 14- Fiscal and Monetary Policy Activity

Presentation: "The Federal Reserve System"

- The Beginning of the Federal Reserve System
- The Functions of the Federal Reserve System
- Controlling the Money Supply
- Money and the Economy: The Delicate Balance
- Monetary Policy vs. Fiscal Policy

To slow economic growth the Federal Reserve System can:	
-increase the amount of money that banks must have on reserve and not use to make loans;	
-sell bonds; and	
-take action that results in higher interest rates.	
Expectations for Learning: Explain how the Federal Reserve System uses monetary policy to regulate the nation's money supply and encourage or slow economic growth.	
Materials: -Textbook reading (online and/or hard copy) - Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You (c) 2014 - Teacher Curriculum Institute	How Assessed? End of topic assessment; Formative and Summative assessments -Socratic Seminar -History Alive Activity -ODE generated AIR questions
	How Re-Taught? *teacher directed instruction