Civics

1. Introduction to Civics
   1. Introduction to Government
      1. Instruction
         1. What is the relationship between citizens and government?
      2. Assignment
         1. Read a letter from Thomas Jefferson.
      3. Quiz
   2. Types of Governments
      1. Instruction
         1. How are types of governments different around the world?
      2. Assignment
         1. Write about a type of government.
      3. Quiz
   3. The Origins of Democracy
      1. Instruction
         1. How have ancient principles influenced the development of American government?
      2. Assignment
         1. Explain the origins of democracy.
      3. Quiz
   4. English Influences on Government
      1. Instruction
         1. How did certain English political documents influence the role of government?
      2. Quiz
   5. The Enlightenment
      1. Instruction
         1. How did the Enlightenment influence ideas of government?
      2. Assignment
         1. Analyze the works of Thomas Hobbes and John Locke.
      3. Quiz
   6. The Declaration of Independence
      1. Instruction
         1. What is the meaning and purpose of the Declaration of Independence?
      2. Assignment
         1. Read from the Declaration of Independence.
      3. Quiz
   7. The Need for a Constitution
      1. Instruction
         1. Why did the failure of the Articles of Confederation lead to a new government?
      2. Quiz
   8. Drafting the Constitution
      1. Instruction
         1. How did compromise play a role in the drafting of the constitution?
      2. Quiz
   9. **Unit Test - (Must be taken in Person)**
      1. Unit Test Review
2. Civic Roots: The US and Michigan Constitutions
   1. Principles and the Preamble
      1. Instruction
         1. Which governing principles are identified in the Constitution?
      2. Assignment
         1. Write about the principles of the Constitution.
      3. Quiz
   2. Federalism in the Constitution
      1. Instruction
         1. How are powers divided between federal and state governments?
      2. Quiz
   3. Article I: Congress
      1. Instruction
         1. How does the Constitution structure the legislative branch?
      2. Quiz
   4. Article II: The Presidency
      1. Instruction
         1. Why does the Constitution create limited executive powers?
      2. Quiz
   5. Article III: The Courts
      1. Instruction
         1. Why do Supreme Court justices serve life terms?
      2. Quiz
   6. Article IV-VII: The Role of the Constitution
      1. Instruction
         1. How do Articles IV through VII illustrate the idea of federalism?
      2. Quiz
   7. Federalists and Anti-Federalists
      1. Instruction
         1. Why were the Federalists and Anti-Federalists divided over ratification of the Constitution?
      2. Assignment
         1. Read Federalist and Anti-Federalist viewpoints.
      3. Quiz
   8. The Supreme Court and the Role of Government
      1. Instruction
         1. How did early Supreme Court decisions expand the powers of the federal government?
      2. Quiz
   9. Michigan Government
      1. Instruction
         1. How do state and local governments function in Michigan?
      2. Assignment
         1. Read Michigan’s constitution and compare it to the US Constitution.
      3. Quiz
   10. Local Government
       1. Instruction
          1. What are the structures and roles of local governments?
       2. Assignment
          1. Analyze the structure and role of local governments.
       3. Quiz
   11. **Unit Test - (Must be taken in Person)**
       1. Unit Test Review
3. Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
   1. The Bill of Rights
      1. Instruction
         1. How does the Bill of Rights protect civil liberties?
      2. Assignment
         1. Read about the debate over the Bill of Rights.
      3. Quiz
   2. Your Rights: Freedom of Religion
      1. Instruction
         1. How has the First Amendment shaped the relationship between religion and government?
      2. Quiz
   3. Your Rights: Freedom of Expression
      1. Quiz
   4. Your Rights: Due Process
      1. Instruction
         1. How are the rights of the accused protected and limited by the Fourth and Fifth Amendments?
      2. Quiz
   5. Your Rights: Trials and Punishments
      1. Instruction
         1. How are the rights of the accused protected at trial and sentencing?
      2. Quiz
   6. Your Rights: Personal Privacy
      1. Instruction
         1. How has the right to privacy been defined and protected by the Supreme Court?
      2. Quiz
   7. The Fourteenth Amendment
      1. Instruction
         1. How did the Fourteenth Amendment lead to a new interpretation of the Bill of Rights?
      2. Quiz
   8. The Supreme Court and Civil Rights
      1. Instruction
         1. How have major Supreme Court rulings impacted civil rights?
      2. Quiz
   9. Extending Voting Rights
      1. Instruction
         1. How have voting rights been extended to more Americans?
      2. Assignment
         1. Read about the history of the Fifteenth Amendment.
      3. Quiz
   10. Case Study: The Stolen Valor Act
       1. Instruction
          1. If you were a Supreme Court justice assigned to a civil liberties case, what would you decide?
       2. Assignment
          1. Analyze earlier court decisions.
       3. Instruction
          1. If you were a Supreme Court justice assigned to a civil liberties case, what would you decide?
       4. Assignment
          1. Analyze precedent in past cases.
       5. Instruction
          1. If you were a Supreme Court justice assigned to a civil liberties case, what would you decide?
       6. Quiz
   11. **Unit Test - (Must be taken in Person)**
       1. Unit Test Review
4. Civics and Leadership: Methods of Participation
   1. A Citizen's Responsibilities
      1. Instruction
         1. What does it mean to be a citizen?
      2. Assignment
         1. Write about your responsibilities as a citizen.
      3. Quiz
   2. Women's Rights and Suffrage
      1. Instruction
         1. How did women fight for their rights and work to improve their position in society?
      2. Assignment
         1. Read the Declaration of Sentiments.
      3. Quiz
   3. Martin Luther King Jr. and Civil Disobedience
      1. Instruction
         1. How does King use text structure and allusions to support his purpose?
      2. Assignment
         1. Read “Letter from Birmingham Jail” by Martin Luther King Jr. to analyze purpose.
      3. Quiz
   4. Political Perspectives
      1. Instruction
         1. Why do citizens hold different political ideologies?
      2. Assignment
         1. Write about how you form an opinion.
      3. Quiz
   5. Political Parties
      1. Instruction
         1. What role do political parties play in American democracy?
      2. Assignment
         1. Explore political party platforms.
      3. Quiz
   6. Campaigns and Elections
      1. Instruction
         1. What is the role of campaigns and elections in the political process?
      2. Quiz
   7. Interest Groups and Lobbying
      1. Instruction
         1. How do interest groups influence American government?
      2. Assignment
         1. Read excerpts from a speech about lobbyists.
      3. Quiz
   8. The Media and Politics
      1. Instruction
         1. How does the media affect the political process?
      2. Assignment
         1. Analyze the connection between the media and political campaigns.
      3. Quiz
   9. Voting
      1. Instruction
         1. Why is voting an important form of participating in government?
      2. Assignment
         1. Analyze data about voting.
      3. Quiz
   10. **Unit Test - (Must be taken in Person)**
       1. Unit Test Review
5. Civics and Policy: Domestic and Global Issues
   1. Creating Public Policy
      1. Quiz
   2. Fiscal Policy
      1. Instruction
         1. How does the government collect and spend money?
      2. Quiz
   3. Regulatory Policy
      1. Instruction
         1. How does regulation influence the economy and benefit citizens?
      2. Quiz
   4. Social Policy
      1. Instruction
         1. How does the government respond to social policy issues?
      2. Assignment
         1. Analyze data about issues facing Medicare and Social Security.
      3. Quiz
   5. Foreign Policy
      1. Instruction
         1. How is foreign policy created and implemented?
      2. Quiz
   6. National Security Policy
      1. Instruction
         1. How does the US national security policy affect other nations?
      2. Quiz
   7. Global Economic Policy
      1. Instruction
         1. How does US economic foreign policy affect other nations?
      2. Quiz
   8. Economic Systems and Daily Life
      1. Instruction
         1. How do economic systems influence the economic goals of an individual?
      2. Quiz
   9. Case Study: Proposing Education Policy Solutions
      1. Instruction
         1. How would you write an opening statement for a debate on education policy?
      2. Assignment
         1. Explore the rising cost of higher education.
      3. Instruction
         1. How would you write an opening statement for a debate on education policy?
      4. Assignment
         1. Write a claim, solution, and outline for your policy approach.
      5. Instruction
         1. How would you write an opening statement for a debate on education policy?
      6. Quiz
   10. Preparing for the USCIS Civics Test
       1. Instruction
          1. How can you be prepared to pass your state’s civics exam?
       2. Assignment
          1. Answer questions from the USCIS civics test.
       3. Quiz
   11. **Unit Test - (Must be taken in Person)**
       1. Unit Test Review
6. Cumulative Exam - (Must be taken in Person)
   1. Cumulative Exam Review