## Year Long Pacing Guide

## AP Government and Politics

**Texts** Government by the People by Burns and Peltason (Prentice Hall)

The Lanahan Readings in the American Polity by Ann Serow & Everett Ladd (Lanahan)

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| Week | Topic | Unit | Chapters |
|  | Fall Term |  |  |
| 1 | Constitutional Democracy | I. Constitution | 1 |
| 2 | The Living Constitution | Democracy Project | 2 |
| 3 | American Federalism Unit Test |  | 3 |
| 4 | Political Culture | II. Political Culture | 4 |
| 5 | Political Landscape | Political Culture Project | 5 |
| 6 | Political Landscape Unit Test |  | 5 |
| 7 | Interest Groups & Political Parties | III. Political Process | 6 & 7 |
| 8 | Public Opinion & Voting | Elections Project | 8 |
| 9 | Campaigns & Elections |  | 9 |
| 10 | The Media Unit Test |  | 10 |
| 11 | Congress | IV. Political Institutions | 11 |
| 12 | Congress | Lawmaking Project | 11 |
| 13 | Review |  | 1-11 |
| 14 | Exams |  | 1-11 |
|  | Spring Term |  |  |
| 1 | The Presidency | President vs. Congress Project | 12 |
| 2 | The Presidency Unit Test |  | 12 |
| 3 | The Federal Bureaucracy |  | 13 |
| 4 | The Federal Bureaucracy | Bureaucracy Project | 14 |
| 5 | The Judiciary |  | 14 |
| 6 | The Judiciary Unit Test |  | 14 |
| 7 | Civil Liberties | V. Civil Rights &Liberties | 15 |
| 8 | Civil Liberties | Supreme Court Case Project | 15 |
| 9 | Civil Rights Unit Test |  | 16 |
| 10 | Economic Policy | VI. Public Policy | 17 & 18 |
| 11 | Social Policy |  | 19 |
| 12 | Foreign & Defense Policy Unit Test | Policy Project | 20 |
| 13 | Review |  | 12-20 |
| 14 | AP Exams | \*the 2017 AP Exam is 5/4 |  |

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## Semester Pacing Guide

## United States Government and Politics

## Fall Schedule

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| Week | Topic | Unit | Chapters |
|  | Fall Term |  |  |
| 1 | Constitutional Democracy | I. Constitution | 1 & 2 |
| 2 | Federalism Unit Test | Democracy Project | 3 |
| 3 | Political Culture/Landscape Unit Test | II. Political Culture | 4 & 5 |
| 4 | Interest Groups & Political Parties | III. Political Process | 6 & 7 |
| 5 | Public Opinion & Voting | Elections Project | 8 & 9 |
| 6 | Elections & Media Unit Test |  | 10 |
| 7 | Congress | IV. Political Institutions | 11 |
| 8 | Congress | Lawmaking Project | 11 |
| 9 | The Presidency |  | 12 |
| 10 | The Presidency Unit Test | President vs. Congress Project | 12 |
| 11 | The Federal Bureaucracy |  | 13 |
| 12 | The Judiciary Unit Test |  | 14 |
| 13 | Civil Liberties | V. Civil Rights &Liberties | 15 |
| 14 | Civil Rights Unit Test | Supreme Court Case Project | 16 |
| 15 | Economic & Social Policy | VI. Public Policy | 17 & 18 |
| 16 | Foreign & Defense Policy Unit Test | Policy Project | 19 & 20 |
| 17 | Review |  | 12-20 |
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The AP Exam

In AP US Government and Politics we will better understand the American political system by focusing on six main units of study: The Constitution, Political Culture, The Political Process, Political Institutions, Public Policy, and Civil Rights and Liberties.

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| **Unit** | **Title and Topics** | **Percent of AP Exam** |
| **1** | **The Constitution**  Separation of Powers  Checks and Balances  Federalism  Theories of Democracy | **10%** |
| **2** | **Political Culture**  The Political beliefs of Citizens  How Citizens learn their Political Beliefs  Public Opinion  How Citizens Participate in Politics | **15%** |
| **3** | **Political Process**  Parties  Elections  Interest Groups  Mass Media | **15%** |
| **4** | **Institutions of Government**  Congress  Presidency  Judiciary  Bureaucracy  Institutions, the Political Process, and Citizens | **40%** |
| **5** | **Public Policy**  Policymaking in Federalism  Formulating Policy Agendas  Policymaking Institutions, Citizens &Political Process | **10%** |
| **6** | **Civil Rights and Liberties**  Rights and the Judiciary  Your Rights  The 14th Amendment and Rights | **10%** |

AP GoPo Yearlong Schedule

Unit 1 – The Constitution

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| Day | Topic | Assignment Due |
| 1 | Introduction | Wear clothes to class |
| 2 | Political Definitions. | Definitions |
| 3 | Social Contract | Social Contract Reading |
| 4 | Democracy | Democracy’s Good Name |
| 5 | Freedom House | Democracy Journal Review |
| 6 | Making the Constitution | Making the Constitution |
| 7 | Checking & Balancing with James Madison | Court Case Rubric: Marbury v Madison |
| 8 | Federalism | Federalism terms |
| 9 | Federalism Journal Review & Case Study | Federalism Journal Review & Readings |
| 10 | Geography of Federalism | Geography of Federalism |
| 11 | Democracy Rocks Project | Democracy Rocks Project |
| 12 | Test Review & FRQ Workshop | Test Review Sheet |
| 13 | Test 1 | All tests and reviews available at <http://www.gopopro.com/lessons/> |
| 14 | Fishbowl: Legalization of Drugs? | Make a post about the fishbowl topic |

Unit 2 – Political Culture

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| Day | Topic | Assignment Due |
| 15 | Political Culture Intro |  |
| 16 | Ideology Day | Watch the Moral Mind |
| 17 | Ideology Project Day | Ideology Project |
| 18 | Bowling Alone Day 1 | Bowling Alone Reading |
| 19 | Bowling Alone Day 2 | Causes of Declining Social Capital |
| 20 | Bowling Together | Bowling Together |
| 21 | Bowling Alone Projects | Bowling Alone Project |
| 22 | Political Landscape | None |
| 23 | Diversity | Diversity |
| 24 | Test Review Day | Test Review Sheet  All tests and reviews available at <http://www.gopopro.com/lessons/> |
| 25 | Test | Test |

Unit 3 – Political Process

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| Day | Topic | Assignment Due |
| 26 | Introduction to Interest Groups |  |
| 27 | Interest Group Terms | Interest Group Terms |
| 28 | Campaign Finance Reform | Interest Group Journal Review |
| 29 | Money in Politics Chart Class | Campaign Finance Reform Proposal |
| 30 | Interest Group Project Class | Interest Group Project |
| **31** | **Political Parties Introduction** | **Major US Political Parties Chart** |
| 32 | Realigning Elections | Realigning Elections |
| 33 | How Do We Vote? | How do we vote? |
| 34 | Minor Parties | Minor Parties |
| **35** | **Political Opinion** | Public Opinion Poll |
| 36 | Opinion, Voting, and Participation | Public Knowledge Quiz |
| **37** | **Elections** | Leadership |
| 38 | Campaigns | Presidential Campaign Advisor |
| **39** | **Media Introduction** | **Media Log** |
| 40 | Media and Politics | Media Consolidation |
| 41 | Media and Elections | The Living Room Candidate |
| 42 | Unit 3 Test | All tests and reviews available at <http://www.gopopro.com/lessons/> |

Unit 4 - Part 1 - Congress

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| **Day** | **Topic** | **Assignment Due** |
| 43 | Introduction to Congress |  |
| 44 | Functions of Congress | The Functions of Congress |
| 45 | Congress Terms | Congress Terms |
| 46 | Congress Role-Play | Congress Chart and Congress Role-Play |
| 47 | Congressional Committees | Congressional Committee Questions |
| **48** | Congress Project | **Congress Project** |
| 49 | Voting in Congress | Voting in Congress |
| 50 | Reapportionment & Redistricting | Reapportionment & Redistricting |
| 51 | Congress FRQ Scramble | Test Review Sheet  All tests and reviews available at <http://www.gopopro.com/lessons/> |
| 52 | Review Day | Congress Journal Review |
| **53** | Congress Test | **Congress Test**  All tests and reviews available at <http://www.gopopro.com/lessons/> |

Unit 4 - Part 2 - Presidency

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| **Day** | **Topic** | **Assignment Due** |
| 54 | Introduction to Presidency |  |
| 55 | Executive Orders and term limits | Presidential Requirements |
| 56 | Presidential Collage | Executive Orders |
| 57 | Evolution of Presidential Power | Presidential Collage |
| 58 | Presidential journal Review Day | Presidential Journal Review |
| 59 | War Powers Resolution Day | Work on Project |
| 60 | Presidential Readings Jigsaw | Presidential Readings |
| 61 | Presidential vs Parliamentary Systems | US Wars and Military Actions |
| 62 | Presidential Approval | Divided Government |
| 63 | West Wing | West Wing Teams |
| 64 | Presidential Power |  |
| 65 | **Presidency versus Congress Project** | **Presidency versus Congress Project** |
| 66 | Review Day | Test Review Sheet  All tests and reviews available at <http://www.gopopro.com/lessons/> |
| 67 | **Presidency Test** | **Presidency Test**  All tests and reviews available at <http://www.gopopro.com/lessons/> |

Unit 4 - Part 3 - Judiciary

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| **Day** | **Topic** | **Assignment Due** |
| 68 | Introduction to the Judiciary | Come to class ready to learn, learn, learn! |
| 69 | Alexander Hamilton & Federalist No. 78 | Alexander Hamilton & Federalist No. 78 |
| 70 | Federal Justice Simulation | Federal Justice Simulation +  Autonomous Learning Teams Source List |
| 71 | Supreme Court Introduction | Supreme Court Terms |
| 72 | Judicial Philosophy | Write: are you a judicial conservative or judicial activist and why?  Autonomous Learning Teams Story Board |
| 73 | Judiciary Journal Review Round Robin  Autonomous Learning Teamwork | Judiciary Journal Review |
| 74 | Autonomous Learning Teams | Autonomous Learning Teams Sharing |
| 75 | Judicial Selection | Judicial Action Sharing |
| 76 | Supreme Court Case Project Day 1 | **Landmark Supreme Court Case Project** |
| 77 | Supreme Court Case Project Day 2  Review Day\* | All tests and reviews available at <http://www.gopopro.com/lessons/> |

Unit 4 – Part 4 – Bureaucracy

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| **Day** | **Topic** | **Assignment Due** |
| 78 | Introduction to Bureaucracy | Come to class ready to learn, learn, learn! |
| 79 | Bureaucracy Terms | Bureaucracy Terms |
| 80 | Bureaucracy Organization | Department Vital Statistics |
| 81 | Making Policy | Making Policy |
| 82 | Regulators | Regulators |
| 83 | Bureaucracy Journal Review | Bureaucracy Journal Review |
| 84 | Bureaucracy Accountability | Bureaucracy Accountability |
| 85 | Locked in the Cabinet | Locked in the Cabinet - 2015 |
| 86 | **Bureaucracy Project** | **Bureaucracy Project** |
| 87 | Review Day\* | All tests and reviews available at <http://www.gopopro.com/lessons/> |

Unit 5 – Policy

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| **Day** | **Topic** | **Assignment Due** |
| 88 | Introduction to Policy | Come to class ready to learn, learn, learn! Dress sharp! |
| 89 | Policy Theory | Elite and Pluralist Policy Making Models |
| 90 | IOUSA | Start work on Policy Making Storyboard Project |
| 91 | IOUSA Teams | Debt Chart |
| 92 | DIY Public Policy Charts | Complete IOUSA Teams |
| 93 | Economic Policy FRQ Round robin | DIY Policy Infographic |
| 94 | Inequality **\*beans** | FRQ **+** Answer to Economics Compelling Question |
| 95 | Budgetary Process **\*computers** | Inequality Assignment – *choice of 1* |
| 96 | Social Policy Introduction | Social Policy Journal Review |
| 97 | Social Policy Think Tanks | Social Policy Think Tanks |
| 98 | Foreign and Military Policy | Foreign Policy/Military Policy Assignment |
| 99 | Foreign Aid **\*beans** | Policy Review Sheet |
| 100 | Policy Fishbowl | Immigration Fishbowl Post |
| 101 | **Policy Project** & Policy Review | Immigration Editorial & **Policy Making Storyboard Project** |
| 102 | **Test\*** | [All tests and reviews](http://www.jonathanmilner.org/lessons/gopo-pro) |

Unit 6 – Civil Liberties

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| **Day** | **Topic** | **Assignment Due** |
| 103 | Introduction to civil liberties | Come to class ready to learn, learn, learn! Dress sharp! |
| 104 | Selective Incorporation | Student 1st Amendment gallery images |
| 105 | Freedom of/from Religions | Selective Incorporation |
| 106 | Freedom of/from Religions Cases | Freedom of Religion Cases |
| 107 | Freedom of/from Speech | Dos and Don’ts Infographic |
| 108 | Freedom of Press & Assembly | Free Speech Cases |
| 109 | First Amendment Finale | Creative Time |
| 110 | Student Rights | Student Rights |
| 111 | Due Process | Prepare for Fishbowl |
| 112 | Privacy Rights | Government Powers Quiz |
| 113 | Death Penalty Fishbowl | Death Penalty Fishbowl Post |
| 114 | Citizenship | Death Penalty Editorial |
| 115 | American Inequality | Citizenship test results |
| 116 | Civil Rights | American Inequality |
| 117 | Review Day\* | All tests and reviews available at <http://www.gopopro.com/lessons/> |

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* Unit 3 - The Political Process
* Unit 4 - Part 1 - Congress
* Unit 4 - Part 2 - Presidency
* Unit 4 - Part 3 - Judiciary
* Unit 4 - Part 4 - Bureaucracy
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