

Houston County Schools 2011-2012

U.S. Government- Pacing Guide

Month	Course of Study Number	AHSGE	Resources	Assessment	
1st Nine Weeks					
August (Unit 1)- Introduction to Government	1, 2, 3 & 4	II: 1, 2	Chapters 1 &2	Cumulative End of 16 Weeks Exam	
			Chapters 3 &4		
September (Unit 2)- Political Behavior and Interest Groups	5, 6, 7 & 8		Chapters 5-7		
			Chapters 8 & 9		
2nd Nine Weeks					
October (Unit 3)- Legislative Branch	9		Chapters 10- 12		
November- December (Unit 4)- Executive Branch & Judicial Branch	10 & 13		Chapters 13- 17		
	11 & 12		Chapters 18- 21		

U.S. Government- 12th Grade

ORGANIZING PRINCIPLES- U.S. GOVERNMENT

1. The origins and foundations of American Government can be traced to our western heritage that includes Ancient Greece/Rome, France and England.
2. The enduring United States Constitution rests upon a set of basic principles that make the United States government unique in the world.
3. The American political system influences the electoral process.
4. The influence of public opinion, mass media, and interest groups is critical in the governmental decision-making process.
5. Legislative Branch gives citizens a voice in setting public policy and making laws.
6. The Executive Branch, through the President, provides the leadership role in domestic and foreign policy.
7. The Constitution established the federal court system to ensure our natural rights and civil liberties.

