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Government and Economics

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Government and Economics Course Overview

Government and Economics continues the process of developing in students an understanding of and appreciation for God’s activity as seen in the record of man and his relationships. The course focuses on two major areas: Government, with special emphasis on American government, and Economics, with special emphasis on personal finance. These areas of focus target three major content strands: History, Government and Citizenship, and Economics.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Understand the basics of various philosophies of government.
- Understand the structure and functions of government and how the principles and values of American democracy (e.g., limited government and popular sovereignty) are reflected in American constitutional government.
- Understand how the overall design, as well as specific features of the U.S. Constitution prevent the abuse of power by using a system of checks and balances (e.g., federalism).
- Understand the role of political parties, the media, and the public on the political process.
- Know the characteristics of different economic systems (e.g., capitalism, mixed economy, communism).
- Understand basic terms associated with economic performance and the state of the economy (e.g., supply and demand, inflation, monopoly).

Additionally, students will gain practice in writing essays and reports, covering topics like elected officials, the Supreme Court, Christians in politics, on-line banking, the euro, and more.

Unit 1: International Governments	
Government and Economics	Assignments
	1. Course Overview
	2. Why Have Governments?
	3. Types of Governments
	4. A List of Government Terms
	5. Quiz 1: Government
	6. Presidential Governments
	7. Parliamentary Governments
	8. Quiz 2: Forms of Government
	9. One-Party and Multiparty Governments
	10. Aquinas, Aristotle, and Engels
	11. Machiavelli, Marx, and Milton
	12. Report: Governmental Officials
	13. Quiz 3: Political Thinkers
	14. Special Project*
	15. Test
	16. Alternate Test*
17. Reference	

Unit 2: United States Government	
Government and Economics	Assignments
	1. United States Constitution
	2. The Bill of Rights
	3. States' Rights and Responsibilities
	4. Quiz 1: United States Government
	5. Executive Branch
	6. Judicial Branch
	7. Report: Supreme Court
	8. Legislative Branch
	9. Quiz 2: Branches of Government
	10. How a Bill Becomes Law: Part 1
	11. How a Bill becomes Law: Part 2
	12. Quiz 3: How a Bill Becomes Law
	13. Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Alternate Test*
16. Reference	

Unit 3: The American Party System	
Assignments	
Government and Economics	1. The American Party System
	2. Development of American Political Parties
	3. Republican and Third Parties
	4. Report: The American Party System
	5. Quiz 1: The American Party System
	6. How Do You Form a Political Party?
	7. Organization of a Political Party
	8. Nominations and Elections
9. Quiz 2: Political Parties	
10. Making Voting More Effective	
11. Voting in Elections	
12. Quiz 3: Voting	
13. Special Project*	
14. Test	
15. Alternate Test*	
16. Reference	

Unit 4: History of Governments	
Assignments	
Government and Economics	1. A Primitive Government Primer
	2. Beginning of Democracy: Ancient Greece
	3. Ancient Roman Government
	4. Quiz 1: A Primitive Government Primer
	5. Feudalism
	6. Report: Feudalism
	7. Theocracy
	8. Democracy
9. Quiz 2: Feudalism, Theocracy, and Democracy	
10. Fascism	
11. Nazism	
12. Quiz 3: Fascism and Nazism	
13. Special Project*	
14. Test	
15. Alternate Test*	
16. Reference	

Unit 5: The Christian and His Government	
Assignments	
Government and Economics	1. The Christian and American Government
	2. Discrimination and the Christian
	3. Christian Attitudes in American Society
	4. Quiz 1: The Christian and Government
	5. The Christian and Public Opinion
	6. The Christian and Media
	7. Quiz 2: Christian Attitudes and Public Polls
	8. Can I Get Involved in Politics?
9. The Good and the Bad of Propaganda	
10. Quiz 3: Involvement in Politics and the Community	
11. Report: The Christian and His Government	
12. Special Project*	
13. Test	
14. Alternate Test*	
15. Reference	

Unit 6: Free Enterprise	
Assignments	
Government and Economics	1. Economics
	2. Economic Terms
	3. How Does an Economy Grow?
	4. Quiz 1: Economics
	5. A Guide to Learning World Financial Terms
	6. Unions and Labor
	7. Money: Its Use Through History
	8. Quiz 2: Finance and Labor
9. International Finance	
10. U.S. Currency in History	
11. Quiz 3: Currency and Reserves	
12. Special Project*	
13. Test	
14. Alternate Test*	
15. Reference	

Unit 7: Business and You	
Assignments	
Government and Economics	1. Running a Business
	2. Caveat Emptor
	3. Government and Business
	4. Quiz 1: Business and the Consumer
	5. Federal Reserve System
	6. Monopolies
	7. Quiz 2: Business and You
	8. Deregulation
9. Bankruptcy	
10. Quiz 3: Business Concerns - Deregulation and Bankruptcy	
11. Report: Business and You	
12. Special Project*	
13. Test	
14. Alternate Test*	
15. Reference	

Unit 8: The Stock Market	
Assignments	
Government and Economics	1. The Stock Market: How It Started
	2. The Stock Market: How It Works
	3. Selling, Buying, and Brokers
	4. Quiz 1: The Stock Market
	5. Selecting Stocks
	6. What Causes the Stock Market to Crash?
	7. Quiz 2: Selecting Stocks
	8. Types of Stocks
9. Tracking Stocks in the Newspaper	
10. Quiz 3: Types of Stocks	
11. Report: Stock Market Investing	
12. Special Project*	
13. Test	
14. Alternate Test*	
15. Reference	

Unit 9: Budget and Finance	
Assignments	
Government and Economics	1. Your Personal Finances
	2. Spend Your Money Wisely
	3. Checking Accounts
	4. College Grants and Loans
	5. Quiz 1: Your Personal Finances
	6. IRA Accounts
	7. Buying a Car
8. Quiz 2: Savings and Loans and Credit Unions	
9. Report: Banking	
10. Special Project*	
11. Test	
12. Alternate Test*	
13. Reference	

Unit 11: International Issues	
Assignments	
Government and Economics	1. World of the Euro
	2. Report: The Euro and Its Impact
	3. Centers of International Finance
	4. Quiz 1: Euro and International Finance
	5. The Global Traveler
	6. U.S. States and Capital Cities (1)
	7. U.S. States and Capital Cities (2)
	8. Quiz 2: U.S States, Capital Cities, and the Global Traveler
9. Close Trading Partners	
10. The Holy Land and Current Issues	
11. Christian Heroes and Their Lands	
12. Report: Israel	
13. Quiz 3: Neighbors, Heroes, and the Holy Land	
14. Special Project*	
15. Test	
16. Alternate Test*	
17. Reference	

(*) Indicates alternative assignment