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Quick Links

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Role of Government in the Economy  Career Development

Citizenship

Readings

- Meeting and Protesting without Fear (3.2 Explore--page 11)
- No Church of the United States (3.2 Explore--page 5)
- Freedom of Expression (3.2 Explore--page 8)
- Due Process of Law (3.1 Explore--page 8)
- Becoming a Citizen (Reading Passage)
- Obligations and Responsibilities (4.1 Explore--page 7)
- Civic Virtue (4.1 Explore--page 8)

Videos

- Naturalization: The Personal Side of Citizenship
- The Battle Over the Equal Rights Amendment
- The 14th Amendment

Interactives

- Volunteering and Voting
Political Process

Readings

- Political Party Defined (5.1 Explore--page 2)
- Conservatives and Liberals (5.1 Explore--page 4)
- Parties and Elections (5.1 Explore--page 5)
- Third Parties (5.1 Explore--page 7)
- How Interest Groups Spread Information (5.1 Explore--page 11)
- The Election Process (5.2 Explore--page 8)
- Messaging: Getting the Word Out (5.2 Explore--page 10)
- Fund-Raising: Paying for a Campaign (5.2 Explore--page 11)
- Campaign Finance Reform (5.2 Explore--page 12)
- The Role of the Electoral College (7.1 Explore--page 9)
- Controversial Elections (7.1 Explore--page 10)
- The Nomination Process Changes (7.1 Explore--page 7)
- Different Party Conventions Different Roles (7.1 Explore--Page 8)*
- Electoral College Infographic

Videos

- Interest Groups
- Third Party Influence
- The American Political Spectrum
- Mass Media and Presidential Campaigns
- Attack Ads and Unraveling of a Candidate*
- Dollars and Votes: 2012 Election
- How Does Outside Money Flow Into Campaigns
- Citizen's Rule: How we elect the President
- Fighting Indifference among Voters
- Evolution of Political Parties
- Lobbying and Political Parties
- Special Interest Groups
- Framework for Democracy: The First Branch

Interactives

- Key Decisions: Follow the Money
- Making Elections More Fair
Roots of American Democracy

Readings

- Making Principled Decisions Fundamental Principles (1.3 Explore--page 7)
- Declaring Independence (2.1 Explore--page 2)
- Charges Against the King (2.1 Explore--page 3)
- Articles of the Constitution (2.1 Explore--page 5)
- Seven Articles of the Constitution (2.2 Explore--page 2)
- Features of the Constitution (4.3 Explore--page 1)
- Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom (3.2 Explore--page 4)

Videos

- Mayflower Compact
- Declaration of Independence and Articles of Confederation
- Virginia Declaration of Rights
- Establishing the Bill of Rights
- Amending the Constitution
- The Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom
- Declaring Independence
- Magna Carta

Interactives

- Declaration of Independence
- Enduring Debate: Active vs Restrained Government
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National Legislative Branch

Readings
- The People’s House (6.1 Explore--page 3)
- Gerrymandering (6.1 Explore--page 5)
- The Greatest Deliberative Body--Senate (6.1 Explore--page 7)
- All Laws Necessary and Proper (6.1 Explore--Page 10)
- Non Legislative Powers (6.1 Explore--page 13) *Includes Amendment Process
- Comparing US General Population to Congress
- 10 Things to Know About Lobbyists Infographic

Videos
- Creation of Federalism
- How Congress Operates*
- The Congress
- Special Interest Groups
- Differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives
- Benefits of a Bicameral Legislature
- Powers of the Legislative Branch
- theNews Redistricting: Drawing the Lines
- Framework for Democracy: The First Branch

Interactives
- Illustrating Powers of Congress - create visualization with paper or pencil or use a tech tool of your choice
- Redrawing a District (Gerrymandering Activity)
- Comparing Legislative Houses
National Executive Branch

Readings

- The readings below deal with Presidential roles:
  - The Roles and Powers of the President (7.1 Explore--Page 2)
  - Hail to the Chief (7.2 Explore--Page 2)
  - The Face of the Nation (7.2 Explore--Page 3)
  - The Nation's CEO (7.2 Explore--Page 4)
  - Chief Diplomat (7.2 Explore--Page 5)
  - Commander in Chief (7.2 Explore--Page 6)
  - Working with Congress (7.2 Explore--Page 8)
  - Presidential Role as Commander in Chief (7.3 Explore--Page 6)
- How does the Constitution Limit the Power of the Presidency? (7.1 Explore--page 3)
- The Executive Office of the President (7.1 Explore--page 4)
- The President's Helping Hands (7.4 Explore--Page 4)
- The Role of the Electoral College (7.1 Explore--page 9)
- Electoral College Infographic

Videos

- Citizen's Rule: How we elect the President
- The Presidents' Gatekeepers: Part 1
- The Job of the Bureaucracy
- EOP Agencies

Interactives

- Key decisions: Responding to Global Terror
- Which Role is it?
National Judicial Branch

Readings

- [The Judicial Branch](8.1 Explore--Page 2)
- [The Federal Court System](8.1 Explore--Page 3)
- [The Federal Court System](8.3 Explore--Page 3) *Chapter Summary*
- [Moving from State to Federal Courts](8.1 Explore--Page 4)
- [Selecting Federal Judges](8.1 Explore--Page 5)
- [A Significant Supreme Court Case](8.1 Explore--Page 8)
- [The Power of the Supreme Court](8.3 Explore--Page 5)
- [Supreme Court Appointment Infographic]

Videos

- [The Judiciary Process of the Supreme Court]
- [Federal Government: The Supreme Court]
- [Framework for Democracy: The Ruling of Nine]

Interactives

- [Enduring Debate: Criminal Justice vs Individual Rights]
- [Federal or State Jurisdiction Activity]
State and Local Government

Readings

- The Governing Documents of the States (9.1 Explore--Page 2) *Includes the amendment process for state constitutions*
- Comparing US and State Constitution
- Managing the Money (9.1 Explore--Page 3)
- The Chief Executive of the State (9.1 Explore--Page 4)
- The Duties and Powers of the Governor (9.1 Explore--Page 5)
- The State Legislature (9.1 Explore--Page 6)
- Making and Passing State Laws (9.1 Explore--Page 7)
- State Judicial Branches (9.1 Explore--Page 10) *Highlights key facts of the VA court system*
- Introducing Civil Law (8.2 Explore--Page 2)
- The Lawsuit (8.2 Explore--Page 3)
- Criminal Law Matters (8.2 Explore--Page 6)
- The following links describe the criminal procedure:
  - The Criminal Law Process (8.2 Explore--Page 7)
  - The Trial and the Verdict (8.2 Explore--Page 8)
- The Structure of County and Town Governments (9.2 Explore--Page 2)
- The Structure of City Governments (9.2 Explore--Page 3)
- County Government Services (9.2 Explore--Page 5)
- City Government Services (9.2 Explore--Page 6)
- How to Develop a Plan (9.3 Explore--Page 6) *Could be used as an introduction to Service Learning*

Videos

- State Government
- State and Local Government
- You, the Jury
- History Kids: State Government
- History Kids: City Government
- Criminal Law & the Police

Interactives

- Historical Perspective: Building a Better Community
- Legal Representation for All
- Civil or Criminal
Economic Basics

Readings

- **Making Careful Choices** (10.1 Explore--Page 2)
- **Economic Concepts in Everyday Life** (10.5 Explore--Page 2)
- The following sections should be read/evaluated together:
  - **Three Economic Questions** (10.1 Explore--Page 5)
  - **Traditional-Oriented Economic System** (10 Explore--Page 6)
  - **Command Oriented Economies** (10.1 Explore--Page 7)
  - **Market-Based Economic Systems** (10.1 Explore--Page 8)
- The following sections refer to supply and demand:
  - **Market-Based Economies** (10.2 Explore--Page 2)
  - **Market Equilibrium: Supply and Demand Working Together** (10.2 Explore--Page 3)

United States Government Regulation of the Economy

Readings

- **Profit Motive** (10.2 Explore--Page 4)
- **The Consumer is King** (10.2 Explore--Page 5)
- **Use What You Own** (10.2 Explore--Page 6)
- **Keeping Money Moving** (10.3 Explore--Page 7)
- **Introducing Global Trade** (10.4 Explore--Page 2)
- **Trade Economies** (10.4 Explore--Page 3)
- **Bank Accounts** (10.5 Explore--Page 6)

Videos

- **The motivation to be your Entrepreneur**
- **The Challenges of running a business**
- **Revolutionizing the phone industry**
- **Globalization Impact**
- **Cheap Labor Driving the Economy**
- **Wal-Mart Economics**

Interactives

- **Enduring Debate: The Government’s Role in the Economy**
- **Globalization of the T-Shirt Industry**
Role of the Government in the Economy

Readings
- The Bureaucracy and the Economy (7.4 Explore--page 10)
- Consumer and Worker Safety (7.4 Explore--page 11)
- The Power to Tax (9.2 Explore--page 8)
- Preventing and Correcting Market Failures (10.2 Explore--Page 9)
- Dropping Values, Rising Prices (10.3 Explore--Page 5)
- Banks and the Economy (10.3 Explore--Page 6)
- Understanding Monetary Policy (10.3 Explore--Page 11)

Videos
- Bailout of Mortgage Companies Could Set a Risky Precedent
- Free Markets and the History of Government Regulation
- America's Modern Recession
- Making Money
- Bureau of Engraving and Printing
- The Role of the Federal Reserve System
- Income Tax Created

Interactives
- The Fairness Doctrine (How should the FCC regulate the media)
- Minimum Wage
- Market Intervention
- Fixing the Economy

Career Development

Readings
- Economics in Education and Career (10.5 Explore--Page 3)
- Budgeting for the Future (10.5 Explore--Page 4)
- Setting Saving Goals (10.5 Explore--Page 8)

Videos
- Questions to Ask Yourself
- Financial Literacy for Students
- Credit Card Responsibility