

# FCPS Discovery Education Resource Guide

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## 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](#)

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## 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](#)

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## 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](#)
- [the.News 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](#)

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## 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?](#)

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## 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](#)

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## 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](#)

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## 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](#)



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## 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](#)