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Curriculum Catalog

Government and Economics

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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.

Additional Resources

In addition to the default course program, Government and Economics includes alternate lessons, projects, essays, and tests for use in enhancing instruction or addressing individual needs.

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

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

UNIT 3: THE AMERICAN PARTY SYSTEM
Assignment Titles

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

UNIT 4: HISTORY OF GOVERNMENTS
Assignment Titles

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

UNIT 5: THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS GOVERNMENT
Assignment Titles

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

UNIT 6: FREE ENTERPRISE
Assignment Titles

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

UNIT 7: BUSINESS AND YOU
Assignment Titles

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

UNIT 8: THE STOCK MARKET
Assignment Titles

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

UNIT 9: BUDGET AND FINANCE
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Your Personal Finances | 8. Credit Cards |
| 2. Spend Your Money Wisely | 9. Quiz 2: IRA Accounts, Savings, and Spending |
| 3. Checking Accounts | 10. Report: Buying A Car |
| 4. College Grants and Loans | 11. Special Project |
| 5. Quiz 1: Your Personal Finances | 12. Test |
| 6. IRA Accounts | 13. Alternate Test |
| 7. Buying a Car | 14. Reference |

UNIT 10: BANKING
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Deposit and Savings | 8. Quiz 2: Savings and Loans and Credit Unions |
| 2. Bank Loans | 9. Report: Banking |
| 3. Using the ATM and E-Cash Cards | 10. Special Project |
| 4. Quiz 1: Banking Past and Present | 11. Test |
| 5. Savings and Loans | 12. Alternate Test |
| 6. Credit Unions | 13. Reference |
| 7. Traveler's Checks | |

UNIT 11: INTERNATIONAL ISSUES
Assignment Titles

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