

PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT COURSE OUTLINE

FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

1. Influences on democracies. I.e., enlightenment, social contract, etc.
2. Constitutional principles: popular sovereignty, limited government, separation of powers, checks and balances, flexibility, federalism
3. Amendments

Projects: Make your own Government, Federalism Collage, Constitution Scavenger Hunt

CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

1. Bill of Rights
2. Judicial interpretation: Supreme Court cases
3. Rights are not absolute
4. Civil Rights-What rights people have? How they change over time.

Projects: Supreme Court Case, Due Process-the Rights of Aliens, Writing a Bill

RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DUTIES OF CITIZENSHIP

1. Voting rights
2. Participation-Paying taxes, jury duty, selective service
3. Elected officials

Projects: Jury Duty

POLITICAL AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

1. Political spectrum
2. Electoral college
3. When elections are held
4. Participation-join political organization, donate \$, volunteer
5. Petitions, protest, boycott

Projects: Political Platform, Campaign Project, Political Spectrum Quiz, Interest Groups, Third Parties, Issue Analysis Paper, Creating a PSA,

PUBLIC POLICY

1. Look at issues-what branches and agencies are involved
2. Cooperation among different levels as well as private and public organizations

Projects: Surveying the Community, Interviewing/Getting to know Local Officials, Local Campaign Project, Letter to the Editor