

Semester Planning Guide
U.S. Government
2012-2013

School Week	Topic	Project	Chapter	SOLs
Week 1	Principals of Government	Memorize "The Preamble"	1	.1, .17, .18 (on-going) .2, .3 .2, .3, .4
	Origins of Government		2	
Week 2	The Constitution	Read the Constitution	3	.4
	Federalism		4	.5
Week 3	Political Parties	Political Survey / Public Opinion Poll	5, 6	.6
	Voter Behavior, Electoral Process, Mass Media		7, 8	.6
Week 4	Public Opinion, Interest Groups		9	.9
	Elections, State Government		24-25	.6, .8
Week 5	Elections, State Government	Write a Legislator	24-25	.6, .8
	Legislative Branch		10	.7
Week 6	Legislative Branch		10, 11	.7
Week 7	Legislative Branch	<i>YLI "Mock Election"</i>	11, 12	.7, .9
Week 8	Executive Branch		13	13
Week 9	Executive Branch	Presidential Report	14	.7
Week 10	Federal Bureaucracy		15	.7, .9
	Financing Government		16	
Week 11	Judicial Branch	Critical Review of a Court Case	18	.7, .10
Week 12	Judicial Branch		18, 19	.7, .10
Week 13	Civil Rights Civil Liberties	Memorize 1 st Amendment	20, 21	.7, .10, .11
Week 14	State/Local Government State/Local Law		24, 25	.8, .9
Week 15	Comparative Governments, Comparative Economics,	Senior Presentations	17, 22, 23	.12, .13, .14, .15
Week 16	Foreign Policy National Defense	Foreign Policy Debate		.12, .13, .14, .15
Week 17	Semester Review			
Week 18	EXAM			