

SS236: Readings

Unit 1 Reading

In this unit you will investigate the U.S. Constitution.

- Chapter 1: “American Government: Roots, Context, and Culture”
- Chapter 2: “The Constitution”
- [U.S. Constitution: An Overview](#)

Unit 2 Reading

In this unit you will study the composition and organization of America’s federal, state, and local governments.

- Chapter 3: “The Federal System”
- [U.S. Constitution: Federalism](#)

Unit 3 Reading

In this unit you will explore the presidency and the federal bureaucracy and how these institutions influence public policy.

- Chapter 7: “The Presidency”
- Chapter 8: “The Executive Branch and the Federal Bureaucracy”
- [U.S. Constitution: Article II](#)

Unit 4 Reading

In this unit you will examine the U.S. Congress.

- Chapter 6: “Congress”
- [U.S. Constitution: Article I](#)

Unit 5 Reading

In this unit you will consider the judicial branch of government.

- Chapter 9: “The Judiciary”
- [U.S. Constitution: Article III](#)

Unit 6 Reading

In this unit you will explore civil rights and civil liberties.

- Chapter 4: “Civil Liberties”
- Chapter 5: “Civil Rights”
- [U.S. Constitution: Civil Liberties](#)

Unit 7 Reading

In this unit you will investigate political ideology, political parties, and elections.

- Chapter 10: “Public Opinion and Political Socialization”
- Chapter 11: “Political Parties”
- Chapter 12: “Campaigns, Elections, and Voting”

Unit 8 Reading

In this unit you will study the news media and outside interests.

- Chapter 13: “The News Media”
- Chapter 14: “Interest Groups”

Unit 9 Reading

In this unit you will examine foreign and domestic policy.

- Chapter 15: “Social and Economic Policy”
- Chapter 16: “Foreign and Defense Policy”

Unit 10 Reading

Review the U.S. Constitution PDF documents listed in Units 1 – 6.