

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Unit I – Citizenship, Basics of Government, the Constitution, & Ideology
2008-2009

Date	Classwork	Homework
Tues Sept 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Course introduction & expectations ▪ Service Learning Activity ▪ Start “citizenship test” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact sheet ▪ Homework: “Citizenship Test”
Wed Sept 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grade & score citizenship test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Homework: Rights & Responsibilities Chart
Thurs Sept 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss rights & responsibilities chart ▪ Notes on citizenship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Read <i>Time</i> article, “A Case for Amnesty” and complete chart
Fri Sept 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss article and chart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Essay</u>: Should the United States offer amnesty to illegal immigrants? Support and defend your opinion.
Mon Sept 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss essays ▪ Introduce notes on basics of government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Homework: “Foundations of Government” chapter reading & questions
Tues Sept 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Groups: basics of government chart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflective journal
Wed Sept 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss basics of government chart & reflective journal 	
Thurs Sept 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thomas Freidman’s “<i>Roots of 9/11</i>” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflective journal
Fri Sept 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss Roots of 9/11 ▪ Ideology Quiz & Score 	
Mon Sept 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notes on Ideology Spectrum ▪ Issues Chart: Where do Democrats & Republicans stand? 	
Tues Sept 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues Chart: Where do Democrats & Republicans stand? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflective journal on ideology
Wed Sept 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Library: Presidential Election 2008 	
Thurs Sept 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Library: Presidential Election 2008 	
Fri Sept 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In Class Work Day on Presidential Election 2008 	
Mon Sept 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss Presidential Election 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Read “Debate Watcher” ▪ Reflective Journal on reading
Tues Sept 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss Presidential Debates ▪ Introduction to the Constitution ▪ Principles of the Constitution: Federalism, Checks and Balances, & Separation of Powers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chart on Federalism, Checks and Balances, & Separation of Powers
Wed Sept 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Principles of the Constitution: Federalism, Checks and Balances, & Separation of Powers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Study guide for extra credit
Thurs Sept 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review with the study guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Study for Test
Fri Sept 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Test on citizenship, basics of government, the Constitution, & Ideology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Watch the first Presidential debate and complete debate chart
Mon Sept 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current events reading and reflective journal 	