

Civics Tutorials offer targeted instruction, practice, and review designed to build middle school students' understanding of the roles citizens play in the political and governmental systems of the United States. Students engage with the content in an interactive, feedback-rich environment as they progress through standards-aligned modules. By honing their ability to analyze civic life, political practices, and government structures, students build the depth of knowledge and higher-order thinking skills required to demonstrate their mastery when put to the test.

In each module, the Learn It and Try It make complex ideas about the roles of citizens in political and governmental systems accessible through focused content, guided analysis, multi-modal representations, and personalized feedback. The Review It offers a high-impact summary of key concepts and relates those concepts to students' lives. The Test It assesses students' mastery of the module's concepts, providing granular performance data to students and teachers after each attempt. To help students concentrate on the content most relevant to them, unit-level pretests and posttests can quickly identify where students are strong and where they're still learning.

This Tutorial is built to state standards.

## 1. GOVERNMENT BASICS

- TYPES OF GOVERNMENT
- PRINCIPLES OF CITIZENSHIP

## 2. CREATING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

- FOUNDING IDEAS AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
- DRAFTING AND RATIFYING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

## 3. THE U.S. CONSTITUTION 1

- ANALYZING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION
- AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

## 4. THE U.S. CONSTITUTION 2

- PRINCIPLES OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION
- FEDERALISM

## 5. BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

- THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
- THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
- THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

## 6. LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL PROCESSES

- THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
- THE U.S. COURT SYSTEM

## 7. CIVIL LIBERTIES AND CIVIL RIGHTS

- CIVIL LIBERTIES

- CIVIL RIGHTS

## 8. LINKAGE INSTITUTIONS

- POLITICAL VIEWS AND POLITICAL PARTIES

- INTEREST GROUPS AND THE MEDIA

## 9. ELECTIONS AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- ELECTIONS

## 10. PUBLIC POLICY

- U.S. DOMESTIC POLICY

- U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

- THE U.S. ECONOMY

## 11. SKILLS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

- EXAMINING CONTEXT AND BIAS IN POLITICAL COMMUNICATIONS

- EXAMINING BASIC ECONOMIC CONCEPTS

- THINKING GEOGRAPHICALLY