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Community Service Form		
JUNE		
5/31		Memorial Day: No School
6/1	What are the solutions to illegal immigration in America?	Illegal Immigration: Essential Questions
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6/3	Should marijuana be a medical option?	Read Should marijuana be a medical option? then summarize the three most persuasive arguments on each side. Finally, give your own opinion. (place your assignment in the Per.4 "handins" folder)
6/4	"	Write a brief commentary on the Top Ten Pros and Cons of marijuana use (what are the main arguments presented? do you agree?)
6/7	Should Americans have the right to health care?	Read and summarize Pro/Con Arguments on Health Care
6/8	How does the American health care system compare to that of other nations?	Sick Around the World (PBS Frontline)
6/9	How has the current economic downturn affected people's access to health care?	Sick Around America (PBS Frontline)
6/10	To what extent and in what ways will recent health care legislation alter our health care system?	Using Health Care Reform: A Simple Explanation , create 10 questions about the recently enacted health care legislation. Place in Handins folder.
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5/4	Should abortion be constitutionally protected?	Roe v Wade ; Daily News Quiz
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5/6	To what extent has the Roe decision settled the abortion issue?	Planned Parenthood v Casey ; The Legacy of Roe
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5/10	Are race-based preferences appropriate?	Daily News Quiz ; Regents of the Univ. of California v Bakke
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5/14	Is a diverse student population a legitimate educational goal?	Bakke revisited: Michigan Affirmative Action cases
5/17	Should the government's power be limited in wartime?	Korematsu v US
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5/19	Should the President's powers be limited during wartime?	Presidential Powers in Wartime
5/20		Rasul v. Bush
5/21	What has been the effect of the "war on terror" upon Presidential power?	Read the Synopsis of Facts: Rasul v. Bush handout, then make up 5 questions about the case. Read the Synopsis of Facts: Rumsfeld v. Padilla , then make up 5 questions about the

		case.
5/24	To what extent and in what ways did the Bush administration expand Presidential powers?	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/bushswar/cron/
5/25	What challenges did the "War on Terror" create for the United States intelligence community?	Taxi to the Dark Side
5/26	"	"
5/27	Should Guantanamo Bay prison remain part of the US's war on terror?	Guantanamo Bay
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APRIL		
4/26	Is the death penalty consistent with the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against the imposition of cruel and unusual punishments?	The Death Penalty
4/27	How has the Supreme Court interpreted the 8th Amendment's prohibition on "cruel and unusual punishment"?	8th Amendment Cases
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4/19	Do students have an expectation of privacy while in school?	Daily News Quiz: NJ v TLO
4/20	To what extent is drug testing of students constitutional?	Real World Case Study: Vernonia School District 47J v. Acton
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4/23	How Do Students' Rights Compare to Adults' Rights?	Daily News Quiz: How Do Students' Rights Compare to Adults' Rights?
4/12		Read about Texas v Johnson and answer questions
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4/16		Religious Freedom Cases
4/5	Spring Recess	No School
4/6	What is symbolic speech? When is it protected?	Tinker v Des Moines and Symbolic Speech
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4/9	Should a principal or other school authority be able to silence other forms of student speech?	Daily News Quiz: Hazelwood v Kuhlmeier (place completed assignment in the handins folder in the Period 4 folder)
MARCH		
3/1	To what extent was the first system of national government adequate for the new nation?	News Quiz March 1, 2010 ; Read Transition to Self-Rule and make up 10 T/F questions.
3/2		Liberty: Blows Must Decide start at 45 min.(PBS video); Too Late to Apologize: A Declaration
3/3		Read and summarize The Axis of the Obsessed and Deranged - NYTimes.com .
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3/5	Who influenced the Founders the most?	Daily News Quiz: Read and summarize American Political Thought
3/8	Was a new Constitution necessary?	Daily News Quiz: Read The Constitutional Convention , then answer the questions .
3/9	"	DBQ: Ratifying the Constitution
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3/11	"	Conflict over Ratifying the Constitution (read documents and answer questions)
3/12	What factors motivated the drafters of the Constitution?	Make up 10 T/F statements based on reading of A Kind of Revolution

3/15	"	Read A Kind of Revolution (part II) , then construct 10 multiple choice questions based on reading.
3/16		A Kind of Revolution quotes
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3/19		Complete Understanding the Constituion Questions . Place finished work in Handins folder.
FEBRUARY		
2/22	Why Do We Need Government?	Read The Philosophical Perspective , then make up 10 questions that can be answered based on the reading. When finished, print out your questions and exchange them with a partner. Answer one another's questions.
2/23	"	Professor Mott's Perspective
2/24	What does the Declaration of Independence tell us about America's founding ideals?	Use this copy of the Declaration of Independence and Dictionary.com to create a translation of the document into contemporary English.
2/25	Why was the Declaration of Independence drafted?	Liberty: Blows Must Decide (PBS video) Declaration Questions
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JANUARY		
1/5		News Quiz
1/6	To what extent do American participate in the political process?	Text Ch. 12 & 13
1/7	What factors account for the decline in voter participation?	Where Have All the Voters Gone?
1/8	What factors influence Americans' attitudes toward our political process?	Read Why Do So Many Americans Hate Politics? , then answer the questions (in separate Word document)
1/11	Can Anything Be Done to Increase Voter Participation?	News Quiz ; Can Anything Be Done to Increase Voter Participation? (read article, then answer the question posed in the article's title)
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1/15	Should gun ownership be restricted?	Read the Gun Debate Quotes , then write a brief summary of the main arguments in the gun control debate. Finally, explain your own views on the issue.
JANUARY		
1/18	MLK Day - No School	
1/19	What should students know about American government?	News Quiz Create 20 multiple choice questions about American government (i.e. the Declaration of Independence, Constitution (including amendments), political parties, etc.). Submit work in Word to the "Handins" folder.
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		Multiple Choice & Essay
		<p>Essay Question A: To what extent and in what ways have Supreme Court decisions expanded the rights of American citizens? Your answer should make reference to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least TWO CASES, and explain • the constitutional issue in each case • the Court's decision • the effect on citizen rights <p>(you may choose from, but are not limited to, Dred Scott v Sanford, Plessy v Ferguson, Schenk v US, Korematsu v US, Mapp v Ohio, Miranda v Arizona, Tinker v Des Moines, Roe v Wade, TLO v NJ, and Vernonia v Acton)</p>

1/22	Final Exam	<p>Essay Question B: The Founding Fathers wanted both a more effective central government AND a limited government. Explain WHY they wanted both. What mechanisms did the authors of the Constitution include in that document to limit the government's power? To what extent have these limitations been effective?</p> <p>(Your answer should consider, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • revolt against British rule • Articles of Confederation • separation of powers • checks and balances • federalism • Bill of Rights • ratification debate (Federalists v Anti-Federalists)
DECEMBER		
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11/30	How are laws made?	How are Laws Made?
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12/4	To what extent and in what ways do the actions of Congress and the Federal government affect our daily lives?	Go to the Learn About Congress page and using the activity The Impact of Congress, identify 15 ways in which Congress affects your daily life. When finished, complete today's News Quiz
12/7	To what extent and in what ways is the American presidency a unique office?	Complete the American Presidency Tour , recording at least one fact about the American presidency at each stop (skip those with broken links); News Quiz
12/8	What are the qualifications and process for selecting a President?	
12/9	What are the roles and responsibilities of the American President?	
12/10	To what extent and in what ways have the powers of the presidency been expanded over the years?	
12/11	How have various Presidents used their Constitutional powers?	Use the information at Presidents of the United States to compile a list of the 5 best and 5 worst President. For each one give an explanation for your selection. News Quiz
12/14		News Quiz
12/15	How does the American electoral process work?	Text Ch. 10
12/16	To what extent is our voting system valid?	Uncounted: The New Math of American Elections (video)
12/17	"	"
12/18	Should the United States Junk its Electoral System?	News Quiz ; Should the United States Junk its Electoral System? (Read and answer For Discussion questions)
12/21	What is your political ideology?	Political Compass Test ; (when finished, see the Analysis of your results) News Quiz
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12/24	Holiday Recess	No School
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NOVEMBER		
11/2	What is the purpose of the Bill of Rights?	News Quiz ; Review the contents of the Bill of Rights , then complete Bill of Rights Match
11/3	What rights does the Bill of Rights protect?	Bill of Rights chart & questions
11/4	"	"
11/5	"	"
11/6	To what extent do students enjoy the same Constitutional protections	School Related Supreme Court Cases

	in school as out of school?	
11/9	To what extent do students enjoy the same Constitutional protections in school as out of school?	School Related Supreme Court Cases ; also answer 1) do you agree/disagree with the Court's ruling? Why? 2) what is the significance of each ruling for students?
11/10	What are the limits of free speech in school?	Tinker v Des Moines: Classifying Arguments ; How Does a School Identify "Disruptive Speech"?
11/11	VETERANS' DAY	NO SCHOOL
11/12		
11/13	How Do Students' Rights Compare to Adults' Rights?	How Do Students' Rights Compare to Adults' Rights?
11/16	Should limits be placed on political protest?	Texas v Johnson (read case summary and answer questions); Texas v Johnson: Data Analysis (read and answer questions)
11/17	"	"
11/18	How much do you know about the Bill of Rights?	Bill of Rights Quiz
11/19	"	"
11/20	"	News Quiz
11/23	How have the courts attempted to strike a balance between individual liberty and the government's desire to maintain order?	Liberty v Order: The Bill of Rights Applied
11/24	To what extent and in what ways does the Fourth Amendment constrain the police?	Busted! The Citizen's Guide to Surviving Police Encounters (video)
11/25	Test	The Bill of Rights and the Supreme Court
11/26		Thanksgiving - No School
11/27		"
OCTOBER		
Date	Essential Question(s)	Material
10/19	Why was our Constitution adopted?	Conflict Over Ratifying the Constitution
10/20	Who were the Anti-Federalists and what were their concerns?	Text pp. 26-31
10/21	How does the Constitution both grant & limit government power?	US Constitution
10/22	"	"
10/23	What basic principles are contained in the Constitution? To what extent have these been realized?	News Quiz ; Basic Principles of the Constitution
10/26	What is the stated purpose of our Constitution?	The Preamble
10/27	"	The Preamble (SchoolHouse Rock)
10/28	How well has our government fulfilled the goals stated in the Preamble?	The Preamble-Rating Our Government
10/29	How has the Constitution been applied throughout our history?	Questions on the Constitution
10/30	"	"
SEPTEMBER		
Date	Essential Question(s)	Material
9/7		
9/8	How much do you know about American government?	American Government Test (PPT)
9/9	Why do we have governments?	Why do we have Governments? (PPT)
9/10		Senior Assembly
9/11	What forms of government have existed throughout history? What are the relative advantages and disadvantages of each?	Comparing Systems of Government
9/14	"	"
9/15	"	video: Systems of Government Compared
9/16	"	Comparing Systems of Government
9/17	What form of government does the United States have?	
9/18	"	News Quiz ; Read America: Republic or Democracy? and write a brief summary of the article. Do you agree or disagree with the conclusions?

9/21	What is the true state of man in the "state of nature"?	Lord of the Flies (video)
9/22	"	"
9/23	"	"
9/24	Test	Textbook Ch. 2: Governments & Power
9/25	What form of government does the United States have?	News Quiz ; Read America: Republic or Democracy? and write a brief summary of the article. Do you agree or disagree with the conclusions?
9/28		Yom Kippur - No Classes
9/29	What political ideals did the United States inherit from Britain?	Textbook Ch. 3
9/30	"	"
10/1	To what extent is The Patriot provide an accurate depiction of the American Revolution?	The Patriot
10/2	What does the Declaration of Independence reveal about the ideals behind the American Revolution?	Declaring Independence
10/5	"	Finish Declaring Independence ; Answer the section titled, Specific Questions for The Patriot
10/6	To what extent is The Patriot provide an accurate depiction of the American Revolution?	The Patriot
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10/9		finish Specific Questions for The Patriot , then complete the Revolutionary War Quiz

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