

Unit 1: Foundations of Government

Materials/Resources:

- Lessons from iCivics: The Sovereign State, Why Government, Who Rules?, Government and the Economy <https://www.icivics.org/>
- Reading from American Government, e-book by ushistory.org: Chapter 1, The Nature of Government <http://www.ushistory.org/gov/index.asp>
- YouTube Videos: Distribution of Power <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9e4Nsd3rMQ> and Parliamentary vs. Presidential Explained <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4quK60FUvkY&t=1s>
- US Citizenship Test, from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/study-test>

Original Materials:

- Unit Coverpage
- Notes guides for lessons
- Unit crossword
- Unit vocabulary

Each lesson will include:

- PowerPoint adapted from original sources
- Notes Guides (may be used as a reading guide)
- Related worksheets (often from original sources)
- Quiz (adapted from original sources)

Unit 1 Civics Packet: includes student hand-outs for all materials in the unit; individual copies of student handouts can be found within each lesson folder.

State Creation Poster/Project: This was designed to be a review activity for students. They may work in small groups or individually to create their own state and review terms/ideas in the process.