

MARLBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT-CURRICULUM MAP

Subject: College American Government

Grade: 12

Title or Topics (Unit organizing idea)	Concepts (understandings)	Skills (What students actually do)	Major Assessments (Tests, projects, etc.)	Time Frame (Number of Weeks)
Sept/Oct Public Opinion and Political Action Mass Media and the Political Agenda Political Parties	The American People Political Socialization Polls Political Ideology Political Participation Print Media & Broadcast Media Agenda Setting Party Functions Party Eras Winner-take-all vs. Proportional Representation	-Notetaking - Reading & Writing - Debating - Public Speaking - Researching - Analytical Thinking	-Chapter Quizzes -Positions Papers -Current Events	Public Opinion and Political Action – 2 weeks Mass Media and the Political Agenda – 2 weeks Political Parties – 2 weeks
Oct/Nov Nominations and Campaigns Elections and Voting Behavior Interest Groups	Primary vs. Caucus Campaign Financing Types of Electioneering Infamous Elections Voting Trends Theories of Interest Groups Lobbying Types of Groups	-Notetaking - Reading & Writing - Debating - Public Speaking - Researching - Analytical Thinking	-Chapter Quizzes -Position Papers -Current Events	Nominations and Campaigns – 2 weeks Elections and Voting Behavior – 2 weeks Interest Groups – 2 weeks
Nov/Dec Congress The Presidency The Federal Courts	Who are members Committees Congressional Powers Who are presidents Presidential Powers Cabinet and Executive Office Jurisdiction Levels of Courts Who are Justices Historical Courts	-Notetaking - Reading & Writing - Debating - Public Speaking - Researching - Analytical Thinking	-Chapter Quizzes -Position Papers -Current Events -Research Paper	Congress – 2 weeks The Presidency – 2 weeks The Federal Courts – 2 weeks
Dec/Jan The Constitution Civil Liberties and Public Policy Civil Rights and Public Policy	Origins of Constitution Constitutional Convention Madisonian Model Ratification Bill of Rights Major Supreme Court Cases Constitutional Limits Equality	-Notetaking - Reading & Writing - Debating - Public Speaking - Researching - Analytical Thinking	-Chapter Quizzes -Positions Papers -Current Events -Common Tasks -Portfolio -Final Exam	The Constitution – 2 weeks Civil Liberties and Public Policy – 2 weeks Civil Rights and Public Policy – 2weeks