

**MARLBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT-CURRICULUM MAP**  
**Participation in Government – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Semester Course 2015-2016**

<b>Title or Topics (Unit organizing idea)</b>	<b>Concepts (understandings)</b>	<b>Skills (What students actually do)</b>	<b>Major Assessments (Tests, projects, etc.)</b>	<b>Time Frame (Number of weeks)</b>
<b>September: Foundations of Government</b>	Principles of Government Types of Government Origins of the Modern Democratic State The Basics of Democracy	Read Textbook Learning Packets Essay writing Class Discussion & Lecture Current Events	Chapter tests Class Packets chapter quizzes Projects	3-4 weeks
<b>October The Beginnings of American Government  The Constitution</b>	Origins of American Political Ideals Independence First Steps Creating and Ratifying the Constitution An Overview of the Constitution Amending the Constitution Federalism-Powers Divided The National Government and the States	Read Textbook Learning Packets Essay Writing Class Discussion & Lecture Current Events	Chapter tests Class Packets chapter quizzes Projects	<b>4-5 weeks</b>
<b>November The Legislative Branch</b>	National Legislature Overview The Two Houses The Expressed Powers The Implied and Nonlegislative Powers Congress at Work – Organization and Committee Congress at Work – Making Law	Read Textbook Learning Packets Essay Writing Class Discussion & Lecture Current Events	Chapter tests Class Packets chapter quizzes projects	<b>3-4 weeks</b>
<b>December The Executive Branch</b>	The Presidency – An Overview The Vice President and the First Lady The President’s Domestic Powers The President’s Foreign Affairs Powers The Federal Bureaucracy The EOP and the Executive Departments The Independent Agencies Foreign Policy Overview Diplomacy National Security	Read Textbook Learning Packets Essay Writing Class Discussion & Lecture Current Events	Chapter tests Class Packets chapter quizzes projects	<b>3-4 weeks</b>
<b>January The Judicial Branch</b>	The National Judiciary The Supreme Court The Inferior Courts and the Special Court	Read Textbook Learning Packets Class Discussion & Lecture Current Events	Chapter tests Class Packets chapter quizzes projects	<b>3-4 weeks</b>