

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AP COURSE OUTLINE

FALL 1998-1999

TEXTBOOK: GOVERNMENT IN AMERICA: PEOPLE, POLITICS, POLICY, 7th Edition

SUPPLEMENTAL: THE FEDERALIST PAPERS
WE, THE PEOPLE
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ANNUAL EDITIONS (AE)

INTRODUCTION: READING—Lineberry Chapter 1

UNIT I: People and Politics—public opinion, mass media and political parties
READING: Lineberry: Chapter 6, 7, 8, and American Gov't AE

UNIT II: Nominations, campaigns, elections, voter behavior, and interest groups
READING: Lineberry: Chapter 9, 10, 11 and American Gov't AE

UNIT III: Constitutional Foundations
READING: Lineberry: Chapter 2, 3
Federalist Papers (selected readings) and American Gov't AE)

UNIT IV: Executive and Legislative Branches
READING: Lineberry: Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15 and American Gov't AE

UNIT V: Federal Court System and Constitutional Rights
READING: Lineberry 4, 5,

UNIT VI: Policy-making
READING: Lineberry Chapters 17, 18

TESTING: You will have multiple choice and essay examinations at the end of each unit. The two tests will total approximately 150 points, 100 for the essay and 50 for the multiple choice. There will be quizzes of varying types throughout the semester. Please keep up the readings and develop the habit of reviewing notes on a weekly, if not daily basis

HOMEWORK: Your homework will involve reading the chapters. It is recommended that you outline or make a precis of each chapter for use in preparation for the tests and the AP examination. Homework will also involve reading current events, articles, editorials, and political essays. In addition, short papers will be assigned.

GRADING SCALE:

A = 100% - 90%
B = 89% - 80%
C = 79% - 70%
D = 69% - 60%
F = 59% or less