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List of Lesson Plans

Lesson plans with Spanish language versions are indicated by *Esp.*

Grade Level	Lesson Plan
All Grades	Pocket Constitution & Declaration of Independence
High School	Baron de Montesquieu Blackstone: Providing a Bedrock for our Rights Bias in the Media Biases in Polling Questions Capturing the White House in '08: The Battle of the Swing States Congressional Redistricting: Drawing the Line Demographics Ethical Questions Facing Up: Our Nation's Finances Facing Up: Social Security Reform Fight for Your Right Formation of an Ideological Spectrum Gender and the Presidency: Is America Ready for a Woman President? History of Scandals and Negative Campaigns How Congress Works Part 1: Structure and Organization How Congress Works Part 2: The Legislative Process Presidential Election 2008: Evaluating the Presidency Public Opinion Polls Right on Rousseau! Rule of Law Significance of Individuals to a Movement Talking Turkey: An Introduction – Taking the “Dis” Out of Civil Discourse <i>Esp.</i> Talking Turkey: Economy <i>Esp.</i> Talking Turkey: Education <i>Esp.</i> Talking Turkey: Health Care <i>Esp.</i> Talking Turkey: The War on Terrorism and Civil Liberties <i>Esp.</i> The Challenges of Modern Federalism The Congressional Balance of Power – What's at Stake in the 2008 Elections? The Federal Bureaucracy: Examining the Fourth Branch The Key to John Locke The Line-Item Veto The Power of the American Presidency: Hail to the Chief The Presidency on Trial: Assessing the Limits of Presidential Power The Primary Documents Detective Game Voices of Activists: Amending the Constitution Voter Participation: Who's Voting? War and Peace: Whose Power Is It?
High/Middle School	A New Beginning: Presidential Inaugurations <i>Esp.</i> A More Perfect Union Campaign Resource Guide Amending the Constitution: Why Change? Become a US Supreme Court Justice Birth of American Democracy: Discourse, Debate and Compromise Campaign Advertising Congressional Earmarks: Should We Bring Home the Bacon? Corresponding with Congressional Leaders Debate Watching Guide

	<p>Drafting Congressional Legislation e-Congress Anytime Phase 1: Introduction e-Congress Anytime Phase 2: Research e-Congress Anytime Phase 3: Writing e-Congress Anytime Phase 4: Committee e-Congress Anytime Phase 5: House Floor Expanding the Ideological Spectrum Exploring the Bill of Rights for the 21st Century Facing Up: Health Care Reform in America Federalism Federalism: Reflections in Architecture First Amendment: Religious Freedom Four Key Constitution Principles Learning from Elected Officials Meet the Candidates: Using Speak Out and Sabato's Crystal Ball Political Campaign Roles Political Cartoon Analysis Political Culture and Socialization Political Ideology Survey Presidential Appointments: Process and Politics Presidential Election 2008: Evaluating the Presidency Primaries and Caucuses Public Policy and the Elections Cycle: Extending House Terms Referenda Fair: Hold a Constitutional Convention <i>Esp.</i> Researching the Amendments Selecting a President Part 1: Primaries and Caucuses Selecting a President Part 2: The Nominating Conventions Significance of Individuals to a Movement Special Interest Groups and PACs: Influences on the Political Process Supreme Choice: Process and Politics of Presidential Nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court The Congressional Balance of Power – What's at Stake in the 2008 Elections? The Controversial History of the Electoral College The District of Columbia Voting Rights Movement The Electoral College and Presidential Campaigns: Working the System The Plan: Creating a Constitution The Power to Persuade The Preamble to the Constitution: What Is the Role of Government? The Trouble with Elections: Is Public Financing the Answer? The Vice-Presidency: Choosing a Running Mate Third Parties in American Politics Thomas Hobbes What Is an Amendment? What Is Democracy?</p>
Middle/Elementary School	<p>The Bill of Rights Understanding the Constitution: Three Branches of Government</p>
Elementary School	<p>American Values: Freedom and the Declaration of Independence American Values and Symbols: The Flag Can I Vote for President? Forms of Democracy Leadership and Learning from the Leader Mini Module #1: Leadership and Follow the Leader Mini Module #2: The Preamble Mini Module #3: Voting: What is it and does it matter? Political Party Symbols Suggested Resources for Elementary Civics Instruction The Preamble The United States Flag Voting: What is it and does it matter? <i>Esp.</i> What Does the President Do? What Does Government Do? What Is a Democracy? What Is Government and Do We Need It?</p>