





<p>GOVT 2306 Texas Government</p> <p>LEARNING OUTCOMES</p> <p><i>Upon successful completion of this course, students will:</i></p>	<p>Brown/Langenegger/Garcia/ Lewis/Biles</p> <p><i>Practicing Texas Politics, 15th Edition</i></p> 			
<p>Explain the origin and development of the Texas Constitution.</p>	<p>Chapter 2: Federalism and the Texas Constitution</p> <p>Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize the constitutional powers of the federal government, as well as the constitutional guarantees for (and limitations on) the states. Analyze the constitutional powers affecting federal-state relations, as well as the state's powers. Evaluate the evolving nature of the balance of power between the federal and state governments. Summarize the characteristics of the present-day Texas Constitution and how each of the state's previous constitutions shaped its content. Analyze the amendment process, focusing on recent constitutional amendment elections as well as attempts to revise the constitution. Explain the basic sections of the Texas Constitution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Federal and state constitutions" "Texas constitutional history" "Debating constitutional revision" "Contents of the Texas Constitution" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animated Learning Module: Due Process; Federalism in America: Gibbons v. Ogden; Federalism and the Texas Constitution; Gateways to American Democracy: The American Constitutional System; The Amendment Process; Separation of Powers: A Constitutional Principle Primary Source Activity: The Constitution; Jefferson's Secret Message to Congress Regarding the Lewis & Clark Expedition (1803); Lemon v. Kurtzman; The New York Times v. the United States; McCulloch v. Maryland; Simulation: Ensuring Civil Rights by Amending the Constitution; The Constitution: Idealism vs. Pragmatism; Closing the Achievement Gap: Implementing Education Policy in a Federal System; Federalism: Abortion, the First Amendment, and State's Rights; Fair and Balanced: A Day in the Life of an Editor in Chief; How Do You Balance Religious Freedom with Public Safety?; Civil Liberties: The Freedom of Speech; Civil Rights: Affirmative Action in the University Interactive Timeline: The Constitution: The American Revolution and the Nation's Constitution; Federalism: The Evolution of the Relationship between State and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "An Act," Civilian and Galveston Gazette, November 4, 1840 "Marriage vote just symbol?; Ban wouldn't alter gay nuptials but could create legal puzzles." Austin American-Statesman [TX] 24 Oct. 2005: A1. Constitution of the State of Texas, 1876. Cruz, Ted. "Defending U.S. sovereignty, separation of powers, and federalism in Medellin v. Texas." Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy Winter 2010: 25+ Edmund J. Davis, Prints and Photographs Collection, Texas State Library and Archives Commission Junell, Bill Ratliff //Rob. "A new Constitution for the millennium." Austin American-Statesman [TX] 9 Dec. 1998: a15 Kris Axtman, "Texas Constitution and Separation of Powers" The Christian Science Monitor, August 11, 2003. Liberty Institute Argues Dallas' 'Same-Sex Divorce' Case: Says Granting 'Same-Sex Divorce' Violates Texas' Constitution and DOMA. Politics & Government Week 6 May 2010: 167. Patrick G. Williams. "Of Rutabagas and Redeemers: Rethinking the Texas Constitution of 1876." The Southwestern Historical Quarterly, Vol. 106, No. 2 (Oct., 2002), pp. 230-253 Texas State Historical Association Racine, John. "Texas school plan is unconstitutional, against tradition, district lawyers say." The Bond Buyer 298.28780 (1991): 1009+. Reed, Stanley F. "States Cannot Restrict Voting in

			<p>National Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video Activity: Gay Marriage Comes to New York State; The Right to Die in Texas; Koran Burning Threatens Instability • Tutorial Quizzing • Glossary and Flashcards • Crossword Puzzle • Learning Objectives • Audio Chapter Summary 	<p>Primaries to Whites Only." Amendment XV: Race and the Right to Vote. Ed. Jeff Hay. Detroit: Greenhaven Press, 2009. 96-102. Constitutional Amendments: Beyond the Bill of Rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Constitution and Education. Mike Luckovich, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, March 18, 2010. • The Function of a State Constitution. W. F. Dodd. Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 30, No. 2 (Jun., 1915), pp. 201-221 The Academy of Political Science • Why is the Texas Constitution so Long? Chris Hooks, Texas Tribune, Aug 25, 2011 • "Statehood and Admission." Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century. Ed. Paul Finkelman. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2001. • Convention, General (1836). Texas Declaration of Independence. Retrieved 10 June 2011 from Texas State Library and Archives Commission. • Dobbs, Ricky. "Texas, Republic of." Americans at War. Ed. John P. Resch. Vol. 2: 1816-1900. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2005. 167-169. • Government, Confederate Provisional. "Constitution for the Provisional Government, C.S.A." The Civil War. Woodbridge, CT: Primary Source Media, 1999. American Journey.
<p>Describe state and local political systems and their relationship with the federal government.</p>	<p>Chapter 2: Federalism and the Texas Constitution</p> <p>Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize the constitutional powers of the federal government, as well as the constitutional guarantees for (and limitations on) the states. • Analyze the constitutional powers affecting federal-state relations, as well as the state's powers. • Evaluate the evolving nature of the balance of power between the federal and state governments. • Summarize the characteristics of the present-day Texas Constitution and how each of the state's previous constitutions shaped its content. • Analyze the amendment process, focusing on recent 	<p>Chapter 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Federal and state constitutions" • "Texas constitutional history" • "Debating constitutional revision" • "Contents of the Texas Constitution" <p>Chapter 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Issues and trends in local government" • "Municipal government" • "Municipal election systems and city politics" • "County government" 	<p>Chapter 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animated Learning Module: Due Process; Federalism in America: Gibbons v. Ogden; Federalism and the Texas Constitution; Gateways to American Democracy: The American Constitutional System; The Amendment Process; Separation of Powers: A Constitutional Principle • Primary Source Activity: The Constitution; Jefferson's Secret Message to Congress Regarding the Lewis & Clark Expedition (1803); Lemon v. Kurtzman; The New York Times v. the United States; McCulloch v. Maryland; • Simulation: Ensuring Civil Rights by Amending the Constitution; The Constitution: Idealism vs. Pragmatism; Closing the Achievement Gap: Implementing Education Policy in a Federal System; Federalism: Abortion, the First Amendment, and State's Rights; Fair and Balanced: A Day in the Life of an Editor in Chief; How Do You Balance Religious 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Bryan woman loses property fight." Eagle [Bryan, TX] 29 Apr. 2007. • Edwards, Torry. "It really is bigger in rural small town Texas: with innovative partnership agreements, controlled growth is possible." Nation's Cities Weekly 9 Feb. 2009: 6. • Ennis, Michael. "No hat, no cattle: Texas's venerable myth, rooted in our rugged, wide-open spaces, is seriously in need of a big-city makeover." Texas Monthly Jan. 2005: 66+. • "Laura Miller: the 47-year-old mayor of Dallas on the weakness of her office, saying no to the Cowboys and Ray Hunt, why African Americans don't like her, and what she'll do next." Texas Monthly (February 2006). • "Local governments' dilemma." Austin American-Statesman [TX] 18 May 2009: A08. • "Local Texas Governments Could Face Ratings Downgrades." Texas Tribune 28 July 2011. • "McAllen lures second Sam's Club." Monitor [McAllen, TX] 13 May 2011. • "Oliveira battles sanctuary city bill." Brownsville Herald [Brownsville, TX] 13 Mar. 2011. • "Resident sues Harlingen to disannex." Valley Morning

	<p>constitutional amendment elections as well as attempts to revise the constitution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the basic sections of the Texas Constitution. <p>Chapter 3: Local Governments</p> <p>Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the relationships that exist between local governments, as well as the relationships between local government and the state and national governments. Describe the importance of municipal governments and their forms of organization. Identify the forces that shape local government outcomes. Analyze the structure and responsibilities of counties. Examine the importance of special districts and how they function within the greater community. Discuss ways that local governments deal with metropolitan-wide and regional issues. 		<p>Freedom with Public Safety?; Civil Liberties: The Freedom of Speech; Civil Rights: Affirmative Action in the University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive Timeline: The Constitution: The American Revolution and the Nation's Constitution; Federalism: The Evolution of the Relationship between State and National Government Video Activity: Gay Marriage Comes to New York State; The Right to Die in Texas; Koran Burning Threatens Instability Tutorial Quizzing Glossary and Flashcards Crossword Puzzle Learning Objectives Audio Chapter Summary <p>Chapter 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animated Learning Module: Local Governments: All Politics is Local Simulation: Hatred Comes to Glendale: Balancing Civil Liberties and Public Safety; Texas Municipalities and Eminent Domain Gaddysberg City Council Meeting Interactive Timeline: Political Socialization, Public Opinion, and Political Participation Video Activity: The #1 Priority; 2010 Census Data Released; Migration Shifts in U.S. Population Tutorial Quizzing Glossary and Flashcards Crossword Puzzle Learning Objectives Audio Chapter Summary 	<p>Star [Harlingen, TX] 17 Aug. 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "River Bend residents lose annex appeal." Brownsville Herald [Brownsville, TX] 11 Oct. 2010. "Special Edition: Nearly Two Weeks After Hurricane Ike Life In Texas Is Beginning To Return To Normal." Today [Video] 23 Sept. 2008. "Special taxing district under fire in Texas." San Antonio Express-News [San Antonio, TX] 24 May 2005. "Spreading Virus: H1N1 Influenza Claims the Life of a School Teacher in Texas." NBC Nightly News [Video] 6 May 2009. "Today's Health: More Swine Flu Cases Are Reported In The US As The Epidemic Spreads." Today [Video] 30 Apr. 2009. Stuart A. MacCorkle, "MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF CITY GOVERNMENT," Handbook of Texas Online, accessed June 30, 2011. Published by the Texas State Historical Association. Cruz, Ted. "Defending U.S. sovereignty, separation of powers, and federalism in Medellin v. Texas." Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy Winter 2010: 25+
<p>Describe separation of powers and checks and balances in both theory and practice in Texas.</p>	<p>Chapter 2: Federalism and the Texas Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize the constitutional powers of the federal government, as well as the constitutional guarantees for (and limitations on) the states. <p>Throughout Chapters 7-10</p>	<p>Chapter 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Federal and state constitutions" "Texas constitutional history" "Debating constitutional revision" "Contents of the Texas Constitution" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animated Learning Module: Separation of Powers: A Constitutional Principle Tutorial Quizzing Glossary and Flashcards Crossword Puzzle Learning Objectives Audio Chapter Summary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cruz, Ted. "Defending U.S. sovereignty, separation of powers, and federalism in Medellin v. Texas." Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy Winter 2010: 25+ Kris Axtman, "Texas Constitution and Separation of Powers" The Christian Science Monitor, August 11, 2003. "Texplainer: Can the Leg Override a Veto After the Session Ends?" Texas Tribune 8 June 2011 Various readings listed under Legislative, Executive, and Judicial categories

<p>Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of Texas government.</p>	<p>Chapter 7: The Legislature Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze conflicts involved in districting. Identify similarities and differences in the formal qualifications for a state representative and for a state senator. Compare and contrast the powers of the president of the Texas Senate and the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. Outline the steps by which a bill becomes a law according to House and Senate rules of procedure. Explain the influences on voting decisions made by elected legislators. <p>Chapter 8: The Executive Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize the role of the governor and the process of governorship. Analyze the governor's informal power. Explain the executive powers of the governor, taking the process of checks and balances into account. Discuss the shared power of the executive and the legislature. Illustrate powers the governor exercises over the judicial branch of state government. Describe the powers of the secretary of state and elected department heads. <p>Chapter 10: Laws, Courts, and Justice Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the sources of Texas law. Explain the structure and 	<p>Chapter 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Legislative districts in Texas" "Characteristics and qualifications of Texas state legislators" "Legislative framework in Texas" "Legislative organization, structure, and leadership" "The legislative process in Texas" <p>Chapter 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "The Texas governorship" "Gubernatorial tools of persuasion" "Gubernatorial power in the state of Texas" "Executive orders and the HPV vaccine debate" <p>Chapter 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Types of courts in Texas" "Texas juries and wrongful convictions" "Judicial procedure in Texas courts" "Corrections and rehabilitation in Texas" 	<p>Chapter 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animated Learning Module: Declaration of War; How a Bill Becomes a Law; The Legislative Process: How a Bill Becomes a Law Primary Source Activity: The Contract with America (1994); The Endangered Species Act of 1973; The Morrill Act; The Welfare Reform Act of 1996 Simulation: Passing the Health Care for America Act: An Introduction to Political Culture; The Legislative Process: A Simulation of Immigration Policy Making in the U.S. Senate; Congress: How Best to Serve? Interactive Timeline: The Congress Video Activity: New Polling Shows Public Disapproval for the President and Congress; Tweeting Public Opinion; Members of Congress Use Twitter to Reach Constituents; How Congress is Managed; Congress and President Propose Alternative Deficit Reduction Plans; Federal Debt Ceiling Explained; Congressional Budget Office Is the Non-partisan Budget Authority in Washington; "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Repealed; 2011 Budget Woes and a Potential Federal Government Shutdown Tutorial Quizzing Glossary and Flashcards Crossword Puzzle Learning Objectives Audio Chapter Summary <p>Chapter 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animated Learning Module: The Texas Executive; Domestic Policy and the Policy-making Process; The Impeachment Process Primary Source Activity: Reagan State of the Union Address – 1982; The Truman Doctrine Simulation: Campaigns and Elections: Presidential Nomination Strategy; The Powers of the Texas Executive and Legislature: The Case of Tort Reform; Presidential Leadership: Appointing a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Openly Gay Latina Wins Texas House Seat." 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Molly Ivins and Lou Dubose, New York Times Book Review excerpt, March 5, 2000 Williamson, Kevin D. "Rick Perry's Tenth commandment: Washington shall not micromanage." National Review 4
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	<p>jurisdiction of Texas courts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare the functions of all participants in the justice system. • Describe the judicial procedure for the adjudication of civil and criminal lawsuits. • Explain the four-pronged mission of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. • Evaluate the fairness of Texas's justice system. 		<p>Justice to the Supreme Court; Crisis on the Canal: Exploring the Powers of the U.S. President; Foreign Policy: Deciding When to Go to War; Texas Criminal Justice System; Navigating the Foreign Policy Apparatus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Timeline: The Presidency; International and National Security • Video Activity: The First 100 Days; The Political Legacy of Ronald Reagan; The Right to Keep and Bear Arms?; Presidential Responsibilities; The Politics of Judicial Appointments; President Obama Energy Policy Focuses on Long-Term Change; President Obama Uses Executive Orders to Reverse Bush Policies; President Obama Issues Executive Orders When Legislation Fails; President Obama Signs Executive Order to Assist Young Immigrants; HPV Mandate; Wrongful Convictions in Texas; The Texas Exonerate Project; Federalism and Medical Marijuana; Free Speech and the Politics of Health Care Reform; President Obama Implements Government Reforms; Jumping Jacks are Difficult in Cowboy Boots • Tutorial Quizzing • Glossary and Flashcards • Crossword Puzzle • Learning Objectives • Audio Chapter Summary <p>Chapter 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animated Learning Module: How a Case Comes to the Supreme Court; Constitutional Rights of Criminal Defendants • Primary Source Activity: Marbury v. Madison • Simulation: Appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court: Fighting for the Bilingual Ballot; Exploring the Supreme Court Nomination Process: A Simulation on the U.S. Constitution • Interactive Timeline: The Judiciary • Video Activity: Senate Confirms Sotomayor; Immigration Laws Are Challenged in the Supreme Court; 	<p>Apr. 2011: 28.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Custody Battle: Polygamy Parents Head to Court." Today [Video] 17 May 2008. • "Death Row Inmate's Sentence Reduced to Life." Texas Tribune 2 Aug. 2012. • "Families to Reunite: Court Rules For Polygamist Parents." Today [Video] 30 May 2008. • "Family Ties: Parents From A Polygamist Sect Are Back In Court, Fighting The State Of Texas To Regain Custody of Their Children." NBC Nightly News [Video] 19 May 2008. • "Going Home: Court Rules The State Of Texas Wrongfully Seized More Than 400 Children From A Polygamous Sect's Ranch." NBC Nightly News [Video] 22 May 2008. • "Hecht faces another complaint from group." Fort Worth Star-Telegram [Fort Worth, TX] 15 Aug. 2007. • "Looks matter; Ethics issues involving Texas justices have put a cloud over top judicial panels." Houston Chronicle [Houston, TX] 24 Jan. 2008: 10. • "MSNBC Legal Analyst Susan Filan Discusses the Judge Issuing Conditions to FDLS Parents." Today [Video] 31 May 2008. • "NBC's Pete Williams Discusses The Court Ruling That Will Send More Than 400 Children Home To Their Parents On The Ranch of A Polygamous Sect." NBC Nightly News [Video] 22 May 2008. • "Order of The Court: Texas Court Orders Over 400 Children Taken From The Ranch Of A Polygamous Sect And Put In Foster Care Returned." NBC Nightly News [Video] 29 May 2008. • "Recent ruling allows judges to endorse political candidates." Eagle [Bryan, TX] 21 Jan. 2008. • "There Is A Tentative Deal Between Texas Authorities And Members Of A Polygamist Sect Over When Children Removed From The Sect Can Be Returned." NBC Nightly News [Video] 30 May 2008. • Burka, Paul. "Out of beach? Coastal access is pretty much the only area of property rights in Texas where the public interest has always trumped the private interest. That may finally be eroding." Texas Monthly June 2011: 12+. • Graczyk, Michael. "Texas executes man despite his claims of low IQ." AP Online 8 Aug. 2012. • History of same-sex marriage rulings in Texas. Victoria Advocate [Victoria, TX] 29 May 2011. • Will Texas Supreme Court Settle Same-Sex Divorce Debate? Politics & Government Week 26 May 2011: 92.
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<p>Evaluate the role of public opinion, interest groups, and political parties in Texas.</p>	<p>Chapter 4: Political Parties</p> <p>Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the structure of political parties in Texas, distinguishing between the temporary party structure and the permanent party structure. • Compare the contrast the different political ideologies found in the Lone Star State. • Trace the history of political parties in Texas. • Identify the roles that minor parties and independents have played in Texas. <p>Chapter 6: The Politics of Interest Groups</p> <p>Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain what interest groups are, why they form, and what their essential characteristics are. • Describe the types of interest groups and analyze the qualities of a powerful interest group. • Evaluate the kinds of activities that interest groups use to influence Texas government. • Analyze how interest groups are regulated and evaluate the effectiveness of these laws. 	<p>Chapter 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Political parties in Texas" • "Temporary and permanent political party organizations" • "Conservative and liberal ideology" • "The history of political parties in Texas" <p>Chapter 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "A debate about interest groups in Texas" • "Types of interest groups" • "The daily lobby" • "Interest group activity and regulation" 	<p>Chapter 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animated Learning Module: The Electoral College; Third Parties in American Politics • Interactive Timeline: The Evolution of Political Parties • Video Activity: Civil Liberties and Political Protest; The Media and Protest Politics; Tea Party Express: Party or Movement? • Tutorial Quizzing • Glossary and Flashcards • Crossword Puzzle • Learning Objectives • Audio Chapter Summary <p>Chapter 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animated Learning Module: Public Opinion: What Do You Think?; The Free Rider Problem • Primary Source Activity: Civil Disobedience • Simulation: The Role of Interest Groups in American Government; The Phantom Public: The Science and Art of Public Opinion Polling; Social Policy: The Medical Marijuana Debate; Fast Food Facts: What's in Those Burgers? An Interest Groups Simulation; Interest Groups in Texas • Interactive Timeline: Political Interest Groups and Social Movements; Issues of Freedom, Equity, and Justice: Civil Rights; Issues of Freedom, Equity, and Justice: Civil Liberties • Video Activity: Occupy Wall Street Spreads from Wall Street to Main Street; Interest Groups and the Operation of the Economy; Governor Scott Walker Confronts Protesters in Wisconsin; Protests in Wisconsin Over Union Rights and Budget Cuts; An Alternative Health Plan?; Challenges Confronting the Medicaid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farrell, Michael B. "As Latinos tilt Democratic, can Texas stay red?" Christian Science Monitor 26 Nov. 2008: 25. • Starobin, Paul. "Code Blue On Red Texas." National Journal (2009). • "Texas Teachers fund takes advantage of social media." <i>Pensions & Investments</i> 2 Apr. 2012: 0008. • "The court of public opinion gets results." <i>Austin American-Statesman</i> [TX] 27 June 2012: B01. • Video: The shooting and assassination of President John Kennedy in Dallas, Texas is announced to a gather at the Dallas Trade Mart. • "Analysis of Religion in Texas and Ohio Primaries; Analysis of Religion in Texas and Ohio Primaries." R&E Newsweekly 7 Mar. 2008. • "Human Influences on Weather and Climate." U*X*L Encyclopedia of Weather and Natural Disasters. Vol. 5: Humans, Weather, and Natural Disasters. Detroit: UXL, 2008. 771-812. • "In Depth: Some Texas Landowners Are Angry That The Proposed Wall Near The US-Mexican Border Will Rob Them of Some Of Their Land." NBC Nightly News [Video] 23 Feb. 2008. • "Movements for Change: Populism and Progressivism." American Eras. Vol. 8: Development of the Industrial United States, 1878-1899. • "Plyler v. Doe 1982." Supreme Court Drama: Cases That Changed America. Ed. A Walton Litz, et al. Vol. 3: Affirmative Action/Assisted Suicide & the Right to Die/Civil Rights & Equal Protection/Gender Discrimination/Reproductive Rights/Rights of Immigrants, • Brooks, Karen. "Texas No. 1 in legislators-turned-lobbyists: They relish pay, staying in politics, but critics say system open to abuse." Dallas Morning News [Dallas, TX] 13 Oct. 2006. • Farm Bureau President Allen Grant comments on how a farm strike is self-defeating. Thought Equity Motion (video). • Judge, lawyers and cameramen at Smith County Court in Texas during a trial session for hearing on the case of Billie

			<p>Program in Texas; Gay Rights Protestors March on Washington; Black Church Opposition to Same-Sex Marriage; Restricted Access or Reasonable Requirement?; The Politics of Economy Growth; Lobbyists Garnering Support for Special Interests; Pharmaceutical Industry Provides Lucrative Jobs for Former Members of Congress; Civil Rights for All?; The U.S. Supreme Court on Affirmative Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutorial Quizzing • Glossary and Flashcards • Crossword Puzzle • Learning Objectives • Audio Chapter Summary 	<p>Sol Estes. Video from Critical Past.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livermore, Terri, T. L. Livermore, and Michael Valdez. "Petroleum Industry." Dictionary of American History. Ed. Stanley I. Kutler. 3rd ed. Vol. 6. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2003. 301-305. • Ludwig, Melissa. "New force in the fray on state's textbooks; 'Intelligent design' adherents use science to question evolution." Austin American-Statesman [TX] 9 July 2003: A1. • National President and founder, Association of Women, Beth Hobbs speaks during a meeting in Texas, United States. Video from Critical Past. • Patoski, Joe Nick. "Clean Living." Texas Monthly July 1999: 23. • Ratcliffe, R. G. "Decade of lobbying growth sidetracked by recession But even with a sour economy, number of lobbyists grew to 1,690." Houston Chronicle [Houston, TX] 12 May 2010: 2. • Schmidt, Peter. "Colleges prepare for the fallout from state testing policies." The Chronicle of Higher Education 46.20 (2000): A27+. • SCHMITZ, J. W., and G. CARIE. "Texas, Catholic Church in." New Catholic Encyclopedia. 2nd ed. Vol. 13. • Selingo, Jeffrey. "Why minority recruiting is alive and well in Texas." The Chronicle of Higher Education 46.13 (1999): A34+. • Sign. Weslaco, Texas • Students at Prairie View College and Howard University, 1943. Video from Critical Past. • "Chief Political Writer With The Austin American-Statesman W. Gardner Selby Discusses Texas' Political Polls With NBC News' Tom Brokaw." NBC Nightly News [Video] 2 Mar. 2008. • "The Big Sort; Political segregation." The Economist [US] 21 June 2008: 41US. • "The red and the blue." The Economist [US] 11 July 2009: 9EU. • Embry, Jason. "Speaker's race shows limits of tea party's clout." Austin American-Statesman [TX] 12 Jan. 2011: A01. • Feldmann, Linda. "GOP 2012 race: does it boil down to 'purity' vs. electability?" Christian Science Monitor 28 June 2011. • van Ryzin, Jeanne Claire. "Barnstorming for a more constructive brand of politics." Austin American-Statesman [TX] 31 Oct. 2010: D01. • Wilson, Reid. "Democrats Messing with Texas." National Journal (2011).
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<p>Analyze the state and local election process.</p>	<p>Chapter 5: Campaigns and Elections</p> <p>Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze the components of a political campaign, specifically how the process of running and financing a campaign has changed over the years. Describe the role that race and ethnicity play in politics, focusing on the importance of minority voters. Explain the complexities of voting and how the voting process promotes, and inhibits, voter participation. Identify the differences between primary, general, and special elections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Campaign funding" "Minority voters and minority candidates" "Voter turnout" "Political campaigns in Texas" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animated Learning Module: Media: Conduit Between the Government and the People; Voting; Nominations and Elections Primary Source Activity: The Declaration of Independence; Plessy v. Ferguson; Buckley v. Valeo Simulation: The Role of the Media in Politics; Running Uphill: A Simulation of Open Seat Elections for the U.S. House of Representatives; Getting Out the Vote for Shelly Johansen; Winning the Key Primaries Interactive Timeline: The Theoretical Origins of American Democracy; Campaigns, Elections and Voting; Politics and the Media Video Activity: Social Networking Embarrassment for One Congressman; A Bush Dynasty; Social Networking Advances Freedom in Middle East; Obama Expands the Political Map; President Obama Gathers Support from Many Demographic Groups; President Obama Harnesses Celebrity Power to Raise Funds for Re-election; Presidential Candidates are "Dead Even" Six Months before the Election; Democratic Candidates Battle for the Texas Latino Vote in 2008; Federal Government Sues Arizona over Immigration Law; Mayor of Phoenix Uses Courts to Stop Immigration Law; Supreme Court Rules on Arizona Immigration Reform; Arizona Immigration Law: Supreme Court Decision; Ann Richards Successfully Runs for the Texas Governorship; The Passage of Landmark Civil Rights Legislation; Getting Out the Vote at the Iowa Caucuses; Inconsistencies in Voting Procedures from State to State; Voting Machine Accountability in Question; Presidential Election Polling; Romney Secures the Needed Number of Delegates for the Republican Nomination Tutorial Quizzing Glossary and Flashcards Crossword Puzzle Learning Objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Chief Political Writer With The Austin American-Statesman W. Gardner Selby Discusses Texas' Political Polls With NBC News' Tom Brokaw." NBC Nightly News [Video] 2 Mar. 2008. "Conspiracy." American Law Yearbook 2006. Detroit: Gale, 2006. 44-46. "Low expectations." The Economist [US] 26 Aug. 1989: 19+. "Texas Two-Step: Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton's Strong Texas Base May Be Eroded By Rival Barack Obama." NBC Nightly News [Video] 21 Feb. 2008. "The Big Sort; Political segregation." The Economist [US] 21 June 2008: 41US. "The idiot's guide to the speaker's race." Texas Monthly Jan. 2009: 98+. "The red and the blue." The Economist [US] 11 July 2009: 9EU. "To be top dog-catcher." The Economist [US] 27 Oct. 1990: 25+. "White Primary." West's Encyclopedia of American Law. Ed. Shirelle Phelps and Jeffrey Lehman. 2nd ed. Vol. 10. Detroit: Gale, 2005. 362. ADAMS, JACOB E., Jr., and RICK GINSBERG. "Education Reform." Encyclopedia of Education. Ed. James W. Guthrie. 2nd ed. Vol. 2. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2002. 689-700. Embry, Jason. "Speaker's race shows limits of tea party's clout." Austin American-Statesman [TX] 12 Jan. 2011: A01. Evelyn, Jamilah. "The Politics of Race and Money in Houston's 2-Year College System." The Chronicle of Higher Education 47.26 (2001). Feldmann, Linda. "GOP 2012 race: does it boil down to 'purity' vs. electability?" Christian Science Monitor 28 June 2011. GOP Presidential nominee, Barry Goldwater arrives in Phoenix. President Johnson in press conference at ranch in Texas. Video from Critical Past. Life story of George Herbert Walker Bush, Vice-President and later President of the United States. Video from Critical Past. Lyndon Johnson's political career path including his Presidential campaign and nomination as the US Vice President. Video from Critical Past. Majority leader in Senate Lyndon Johnson gives an interview while recovering from a heart attack in Texas. Video from Critical Past. Norquist, Grover G. "The twelve commandments." The
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<p>Describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens</p>	<p>Chapter 2: Federalism and the Texas Constitution The Texas Constitution: A Summary Section</p> <p>Learning Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the basic sections of the Texas Constitution. <p>Chapter 5: Campaigns and Elections Racial and Ethnic Politics, Women in Politics, and Voting sections</p> <p>Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the role that race and ethnicity play in politics, focusing on the importance of minority voters. • Explain the complexities of voting and how the voting process promotes, and inhibits, voter participation. 	<p>Chapter 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Contents of the Texas Constitution" <p>Chapter 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Minority voters and minority candidates" • "Voter turnout" <p>Chapter 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Types of courts in Texas" • "Texas juries and wrongful convictions" • "Judicial procedure in Texas courts" <p>"Corrections and rehabilitation in Texas"</p>	<p>Chapter 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animated Learning Module: Due Process; Gateways to American Democracy: The American Constitutional System • Simulation: Ensuring Civil Rights by Amending the Constitution; Closing the Achievement Gap: Implementing Education Policy in a Federal System; Federalism: Abortion, the First Amendment, and State's Rights; How Do You Balance Religious Freedom with Public Safety?; Civil Liberties: The Freedom of Speech; Civil Rights: Affirmative Action in the University • Video Activity: The Right to Die in Texas • Tutorial Quizzing • Glossary and Flashcards • Crossword Puzzle • Learning Objectives • Audio Chapter Summary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "African Americans in Political Office." The African-American Experience. Woodbridge, CT: Primary Source Media, 1999. American Journey. • "Branch v. Texas." Capital Punishment. Bruce E.R. Thompson. Ed. Mary Jo Poole. Detroit: Greenhaven Press, 2006. 37. The Greenhaven Encyclopedia of. • "Human Rights in Twentieth-Century United States." Civil Rights in America: 1500 to the present. Ed. Jay A. Sigler. Detroit: Gale, 1998. • "Texas v. Johnson." West's Encyclopedia of American Law. Ed. Shirelle Phelps and Jeffrey Lehman. 2nd ed. Vol. 10. Detroit: Gale, 2005. 13-15. • "Bowers v. Hardwick." Civil Rights in America. Woodbridge, CT: Primary Source Media, 1999. American Journey. • Ehrlich, J. Shoshanna. "Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973)." Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States. Ed. David S. Tanenhaus. Vol. 4. • Sauerwein, Daniel. "Balance between Free and Slave States: An Overview." Gale Library of Daily Life: Slavery and America. Ed. Orville Vernon Burton. Vol. 2.

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<p>Analyze issues, policies and political culture of Texas.</p>	<p>Chapter 1: The Environment of Texas Politics</p> <p>Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate the meaning of power, politics, and public policy in the role of government. Describe the basic character of political culture and identify the two dominant political cultures in Texas. Explain how the geography of Texas has fostered the development and growth of four land-based industries and trace the development of each industry. Analyze the impact of the 2011 drought on the Texas economy. Compare the major racial and ethnic groups in Texas and opportunities and challenges presented by their growth rates. Identify the major challenges Texas faces in more effectively addressing immigration, 	<p>Chapter 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Political culture in Texas" "The political geography of Texas" "Texas population and demographics" "The problem of illegal immigration" <p>Chapter 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "State agencies and education policy in Texas" "Characteristics on the Texas state bureaucracy" "The Railroad Commission of Texas - bureaucracy in action" <p>Chapter 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Forms of state revenue in Texas" 	<p>Chapter 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animated Learning Module: Civic Culture: A Learned Behavior; E Pluribus Unum: American Citizenship Primary Source Activity: Common Sense Simulation: Immigration Reform Video Activity: Proud To Be An American; The New Texan; Drought presents huge challenges for the State of Texas; Bone Dry; Where in the world is Paint Creek?; The Boom State?; Pickens Plan; President Bush Orders National Guard to Police U.S.-Mexican Border; The Deadly Toll of Illegal Immigration; Illegal Immigrant Crossings Spur U.S. Property Owners to Action; New Arizona Law on Illegal Immigration; Arizona Immigration Law Copied by other States; Arizona's New Immigration Law Causes Concern for Some; Immigrant Girl Thrives In School; The Undocumented and Federalism; Illegal Immigrants Cost Taxpayers Tutorial Quizzing Glossary and Flashcards Crossword Puzzle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Are Texans Tired Of Gov. Rick Perry?" Morning Edition 13 Oct. 2010. "Commentary on Garcia v. San Antonio Metropolitan Transit Authority." The Constitution and Supreme Court. Woodbridge, CT: Primary Source Media, 1999. American Journey. "Good Times in Texas." Day To Day 13 May 2008. "Rising Prices Started Texas Family's Struggles." Day To Day 8 Oct. 2008. "Texas Gov. Perry Seeks No-Tax Pledge From Lawmakers." The Bond Buyer 19 Apr. 2012. "Texas' Small Towns Remain Stable in Turbulent Economic Times." Knight Ridder/Tribune Business News 5 Jan. 2004: ITEM04005002. Britt, Phil. "The Texas recovery." America's Community Banker Feb. 1996: 18+. Cavanagh, Sean. "Texas schools face deep cuts amid budget crunch; educators warn reductions could mean big job losses, elimination of programs." Education Week 30.20 (2011): 23. Ennis, Michael. "The new new deal: how can Texas bring the economy back from the brink? By listening to certain ex-presidents--and tuning out certain Texans." Texas Monthly Jan. 2009: 70+. Freedman, Josh. "Who Will Lead The Recovery? Start With

	<p>protecting the environment, developing educational programs, and formulating policies for combating poverty and social problems.</p> <p>Chapter 9: Public Policy and Administration Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the role of bureaucracy in making public policy. Analyze the major challenges faced by the Texas education system. Discuss how Texas higher education has taken steps to increase the participation of all Texans. Examine the health and human services programs in Texas and discuss how efforts to address the needs of its citizens have been approached. Compare the role of government to generate economic development with its duty to maintain a safe and clean environment for the state's residents. <p>Chapter 11: Finance and Fiscal Policy Learning Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the fairness of Texas's budgeting and taxing policies. Describe the sources of Texas's state revenue. Describe the procedure for developing and approving a state budget. Evaluate the effectiveness of the financing of education by the state of Texas. Describe the uses of Texas's state revenue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "The budget process and state spending" "Government spending - The cost of Medicaid" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Objectives Audio Chapter Summary <p>Chapter 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animated Learning Module: Iron Triangles and Issue Networks Primary Source Activity: The Civil Service Act Simulation: Navigating the Iron Triangle: Bureaucratic Policymaking in the U.S. Department of Defense Interactive Timeline: The Federal Bureaucracy; Domestic Policy Video Activity: The U.S. Census and the Federal Bureaucracy; Billion Dollar Fraud; Bailing Out Banks; New Federal Safety Regulations for Deep Water Oil Drilling Tutorial Quizzing Glossary and Flashcards Crossword Puzzle Learning Objectives Audio Chapter Summary <p>Chapter 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animated Learning Module: Economic Policy and the Policy-making Process; Texas Finance and Fiscal Policy Primary Source Activity: The Sherman Anti-trust Act Simulation: Economic Policy: Balancing the Budget Interactive Timeline: Economic Policy Video Activity: Stalemate Over Debt Ceiling; Growing Debt Threatens America's World Standing Tutorial Quizzing Glossary and Flashcards Crossword Puzzle Learning Objectives Audio Chapter Summary 	<p>Texas." National Journal (2010).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mangan, Katherine. "Texas Governor Thinks of Colleges as Businesses; Regents promote his agenda, to faculty members' chagrin." <i>The Chronicle of Higher Education</i> 57.06 (2010). Moritz, John. "Economy still blossoming in Texas: the Lone Star State has fared better than most during the recession, but lawmakers will face fiscal woes next year." <i>State Legislatures</i> 36.4 (2010): 28+. Peach, James T., and Richard V. Adkisson. "NAFTA and Economic Activity Along the U.S.-Mexico Border." <i>Journal of Economic Issues</i> 34.2 (2000): 481. Starobin, Paul. "Code Blue On Red Texas." <i>National Journal</i> (2009). Sullivan, John A. "Effort to kill Texas tax break for shale drilling called a job killer." <i>Natural Gas Week</i> 27.18 (2011): 2+. Thorpe, Helen. "Boom is a four-letter word." <i>Texas Monthly</i> July 1997: 82+. "A Nontraditional Route to Teaching Becomes More Common in Texas." <i>Texas Tribune</i> 27 Nov. 2011. "Decoding Latest Changes To Texas Science Standards." <i>Talk of the Nation: Science Friday</i> 10 Apr. 2009. "Former superintendent in El Paso (Texas) district pleads guilty to fraud." <i>American School & University</i> [Online Exclusive] 18 June 2012. "States Mull Best Way to Assess Their Students for Graduation." <i>Education Week</i> 16 May 2007: 1. "Texas Comptroller Sees \$2B Windfall, but Challenges Remain." <i>The Bond Buyer</i> 20 July 2012. "David Crockett." <i>Encyclopedia of World Biography</i>. "How the west was won." <i>Travel Weekly</i> [UK] 13 Aug. 2004: 43. "King Cotton." <i>Gale Encyclopedia of U.S. Economic History</i>. Detroit: "Special Edition: A Look At The Aftermath Of Hurricane Ike." <i>Today</i> [Video] 15 Sept. 2008. "Special Edition: Breaking News: Hurricane Ike: Economic Impact: CNBC's Sharon Epperson Discusses What Impact Ike Will Have on the Economy and Gas Prices." <i>Today</i> [Video] 13 Sept. 2008. "Special Edition: The Biggest Search And Rescue Operation In Texas History Is Underway For Those Who Didn't Evacuate Before Hurricane Ike Hit." <i>Today</i> [Video] 15 Sept. 2008. "UTPA archive chronicles history, culture of border." <i>Monitor</i> [McAllen, TX] 14 Apr. 2012. Atkinson, Jim. "Perilously plump: why does Texas have
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