UNIT 1: FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

AUGUST 19 – SEPTEMBER 10

In this Unit:

Exploring the Big Ideas Resources & Activities
Chapter 1: People and Government
Chapter 2: The Origins of American Government
Chapter 3: The Constitution
Chapter 4: The Federal System

UNIT 2: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SEPTEMBER 11 - SEPTEMBER 26

In this Unit:

Exploring the Big Ideas Resources & Activities
Chapter 5: The Organization of Congress
Chapter 6: Development of Congressional Powers
Chapter 7: Congress at Work

UNIT 3: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 13

In this Unit:

Exploring the Big Ideas Resources & Activities
Chapter 8: The Presidency
Chapter 9: Presidential Leadership
Chapter 10: The Federal Bureaucracy
Unit 4: The Judicial Branch

October 14 – October 23

In this Unit:

Exploring the Big Ideas Resources & Activities
Chapter 11: The Federal Court System
Chapter 12: Supreme Court Decision Making

Unit 5: Liberty and Justice for All

October 27 – November 10

In this Unit:

Exploring the Big Ideas Resources & Activities
Chapter 13: Constitutional Freedoms
Chapter 14: Citizenship and Equal Justice
Chapter 15: Law in America

Unit 6: Participating in Government

November 12 – November 25

In this Unit:

Exploring the Big Ideas Resources & Activities
Chapter 16: Political Parties
Chapter 17: Elections and Voting
Chapter 18: Interest Groups and Public Opinion
Chapter 19: Mass Media and the Internet
Unit 7: Public Policies and Services

November 26 – December 18

In this Unit:

Exploring the Big Ideas Resources & Activities
Chapter 20: Taxing and Spending
Chapter 21: Social and Domestic Policy
Chapter 22: Policy and Defense

Unit 8: State and Local Government

December 19 – January 15

In this Unit:

Exploring the Big Ideas Resources & Activities
Chapter 23: State Governments
Chapter 24: Local Governments

Unit 9: Political and Economic Systems

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In this Unit:

Exploring the Big Ideas Resources & Activities
Chapter 25: Political Systems in Today's World
Chapter 26: Development of Economic Systems