American History: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics offers a tightly focused and scaffolded curriculum that uses the perspective of political institutions to explore the history, organization, and functions of the U.S. government and provides an introduction to key economic principles. The first semester begins with basic theories of government, moving to the Declaration of Independence, and continuing to the present day, the course explores the relationship between individual Americans and the governing bodies. It covers the political culture of the country and gains insight into the challenges faced by presidents, congressional representatives, and other political activists. It also covers the roles of political parties, interest groups, the media, and the Supreme Court.

The second semester covers fundamental properties of economics, including an examination of markets from both historical and current perspectives; the basics of supply and demand; the theories of early economic philosophers such as Adam Smith and David Ricardo; theories of value; the concept of money and how it evolved; the role of banks, investment houses, and the Federal Reserve; Keynesian economics; the productivity, wages, investment, and growth involved in capitalism; unemployment, inflations, and the national debt; and a survey of markets in areas such as China, Europe, and the Middle East.

American History: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics is designed to fall in the fourth year of social studies instruction. Students perfect their analytic writing through a scaffolded series of analytic assignments and written lesson tests. They also apply basic mathematics to economic concepts. Students read selections from annotated primary documents and apply those readings to the course content.

This course is built to North Carolina state standards.

Length: Two semesters

UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT

LESSON 1: ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Checkout: Active Reading Strategies
Learn eight important strategies for reading social studies texts.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Working with Sources
Learn appropriate methods for working with and evaluating social studies sources.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Working with Sources
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Constructing Arguments
Learn how to construct arguments and use evidence from social studies sources to support claims.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Constructing Arguments
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Argue Your Case
Gather evidence and construct an argument on whether voting matters.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: IDEAS ABOUT GOVERNMENT
Study: How Governments Function
Compare and contrast different forms and functions of government.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: How Governments Function
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: The Purposes of Government
Examine the purposes of government and discuss the ways in which government influences people's lives.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Types of Democracies
Learn about the origins of democracy and differentiate between types of democracies.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Types of Democracies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Comparing Governments
Compare the structures, principles, and purposes of the governments of three different nation-states.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 3: ORIGINS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

Study: Inspiration for Independence
Analyze Enlightenment ideas reflected in the Declaration of Independence.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Inspiration for Independence
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Enlightened Ideas
Analyze the writings of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Baron de Montesquieu.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Documents Leading to the Constitution
Analyze the principles of government reflected in landmark historical documents that influenced the framing of the U.S. Constitution.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Early American Governments
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Examining the Founding Principles
Compare and evaluate the ideals and principles in the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: INTRODUCTION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT

Review: Introduction to U.S. Government
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Introduction to U.S. Government
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points
UNIT 2: THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

LESSON 1: ESTABLISHING THE CONSTITUTION

Study: Arguments and Compromises
Learn about the history of the U.S. Constitution and the historical context of the Constitutional Convention.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Arguments and Compromises
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Ratifying the Constitution
Examine the debate between Federalists and Anti-Federalists over the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Ratifying the Constitution
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Whose Side Are You On?
Debate the views of Federalists and Anti-Federalists over the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: EXAMINING THE CONSTITUTION

Read: Reading the Constitution, Part I
Analyze the text of the Preamble and Articles I through III of the U.S. Constitution.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: The Parts of the Constitution
Learn about the structure and intended purposes of the U.S. Constitution.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Parts of the Constitution
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Reading the Constitution, Part II
Analyze the text of Articles IV through VII and the 27 amendments to the U.S. Constitution.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Principles of the Constitution
Learn about the major principles that serve as a foundation for the U.S. Constitution.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Principles of the Constitution
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Applying Constitutional Principles
Evaluate how the Constitution reflects the core political principles of the U.S. government.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: FEDERALISM IN THE UNITED STATES

Study: The Division of Powers
Learn about the powers the Constitution gives to the federal government and the powers it reserves for the states.
Quiz: The Division of Powers
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Federalism in Action
Examine the history of federalism in the United States, including the effects of the landmark Supreme Court case McCulloch v. Maryland.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Federalism in Action
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Overlapping Powers of Government
Analyze potential conflicts between federal and state governments.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: THE U.S. CONSTITUTION
Review: The U.S. Constitution
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The U.S. Constitution
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): The U.S. Constitution
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

UNIT 3: INSTITUTIONS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

LESSON 1: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Study: The Presidency
Examine the roles, responsibilities, and powers of the U.S. president.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Presidency
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Journal: The President's Power
Analyze and evaluate how the power of the American presidency has grown over time, particularly during times of war.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: The Federal Bureaucracy
Learn about the structure of the federal bureaucracy and the variety of organizations it comprises.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Federal Bureaucracy
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Comparing Executive Organizations
Compare the structure and responsibilities of organizations that make up the federal bureaucracy.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH
Study: Understanding the Federal Justice System
Examine the structure, functions, and organization of the federal judicial system.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Federal Justice System
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Marbury v. Madison
Read excerpts from and evaluate the influence of the landmark Supreme Court case Marbury v. Madison.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: The Supreme Court
Analyze the structure, functions, and processes of the Supreme Court.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Supreme Court
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Overturning a Supreme Court Decision
Research ways in which Supreme Court decisions can be overturned.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Study: The Setup and Powers of Congress
Examine the structure and powers of the House of Representatives and the Senate.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Setup and Powers of Congress
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: The Legislative Process
Examine the legislative process and learn how the federal government creates new laws.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Legislative Process
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Comparing the Branches
Compare the powers and responsibilities of the three branches of the federal government.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: INSTITUTIONS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Review: Institutions of the Federal Government
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Institutions of the Federal Government
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): Institutions of the Federal Government
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

UNIT 4: CIVIL LIBERTIES AND CIVIL RIGHTS
LESSON 1: FOUNDATIONAL FREEDOMS

Study: The Bill of Rights In Depth
Learn about the context and meaning of the amendments in the Bill of Rights.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Bill of Rights In Depth
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: First Amendment Freedoms
Examine the freedoms protected by the First Amendment and analyze how the interpretation of these freedoms has changed over time.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: First Amendment Freedoms
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Journal: We Hold These Truths
Evaluate how the ideal of natural rights represented in the Declaration of Independence has been interpreted over time.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: INTERPRETING CIVIL LIBERTIES

Study: Due Process and Incorporation
Analyze due process as represented in the Fifth and Fourteenth amendments.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Due Process and Incorporation
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Liberties in the Court
Evaluate how significant Supreme Court decisions have affected citizens' civil liberties.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Liberties in the Court
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Freedom of the Press in Context
Construct an argument evaluating the Supreme Court's decision in Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 3: FIGHTING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Journal: Liberties and Rights
Compare the protections represented by civil liberties and civil rights and evaluate their importance in everyday life.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Equal Protection
Analyze the principle of equal protection and its effect on individual rights.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Equal Protection
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: The Voting Rights Act of 1965
Read excerpts from the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and analyze how Congress used the act to ensure African Americans were not denied their rights.
Study: Rights for Marginalized Groups
Analyze the fight for civil rights in the United States and examine the role played by ordinary citizens in winning rights for marginalized groups.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Rights for Marginalized Groups
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: The Complications of Affirmative Action
Examine the affirmative action debate and analyze the effects of the decision in the landmark Supreme Court case Regents of the University of California v. Bakke.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: CIVIL LIBERTIES AND CIVIL RIGHTS
Review: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

UNIT 5: CITIZEN CONNECTIONS
LESSON 1: INSTITUTIONS WITH INFLUENCE
Study: Political Parties
Learn about the organization, role, and influence of political parties in the United States.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Political Parties
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Interest Groups
Analyze the role and influence of interest groups in the American political process.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Interest Groups
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: The Power of Lobbies
Research and evaluate the influence lobbyists have on public opinion and public policy.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: The Role of the Media
Analyze the role and influence of the media in the American political process.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Role of the Media
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points
**Practice: Leveraging Your Links**
Select a civic issue, identify a political party or interest group that agrees with your position, and outline a media plan to accomplish your goal.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 2: ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGNS**

**Study: How Elections Work**
Learn about the election process at various levels of U.S. government.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: How Elections Work**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Journal: Campaign Finance and Citizens United**
Write about the debates over campaign finance reform.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: The Race for the Presidency**
Analyze the processes of a presidential election, including the function of the Electoral College.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Race for the Presidency**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: A Hidden Factor**
Analyze how reapportionment and redistricting are used to achieve political goals.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 3: STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Study: State Governments and How They Work**
Learn about the functions, organization, and influence of governments at the state level.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: State Governments and How They Work**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Government at the Local Level**
Learn about the functions, organization, and influence of governments at the local level.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Government at the Local Level**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Taking Action in Your State**
Research and evaluate different options for resolving a labor or employment issue at the state level.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: CITIZEN CONNECTIONS**

**Review: Citizen Connections**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): Citizen Connections**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points
UNIT 6: PUBLIC POLICY

LESSON 1: UNDERSTANDING PUBLIC POLICY

Study: Introduction to Public Policy
Examine how public policy is created and implemented at different levels of government.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Introduction to Public Policy
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: A Case Study
Research and evaluate the environmental policies of two presidents.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: DOMESTIC POLICY

Study: Social Policy
Examine significant issues in social policy and analyze how these issues reflect national values and principles.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Social Policy
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Domestic Economic Policy
Learn about U.S. fiscal and monetary policies and how they affect the American economy.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Domestic Economic Policy
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: The Controversy Over Health Care
Examine and take a position on the debate over the government’s role in health care.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 3: FOREIGN POLICY

Study: The Workings of U.S. Foreign Policy
Learn about the governmental roles and structures involved in creating and implementing U.S. foreign policy.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Workings of U.S. Foreign Policy
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: The United States in the World
Examine U.S. foreign policy influences and assess how U.S. foreign policy affects other countries.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The United States in the World
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Assessing Our Goals
Analyze major foreign policy goals and write an argumentative essay stating which goal you feel should be the top
priority for U.S. foreign policy in the coming years.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: PUBLIC POLICY

Review: Public Policy
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Public Policy
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): Public Policy
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

UNIT 7: CIVIC AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

LESSON 1: THE ROLE OF CITIZENS

Study: American Citizenship
Examine the processes by which different categories of people become U.S. citizens and evaluate how the constitutional definition of citizenship has changed over time.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: American Citizenship
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: The Obligations of a Citizen
Examine the obligations and responsibilities of U.S. citizens and evaluate the importance of civic participation.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Obligations of a Citizen
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Do We Earn Our Rights?
Analyze the civic responsibilities and duties associated with exercising one's individual rights.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: VOTING

Study: Voting Rights in the United States
Learn the ways in which voting rights in the United States have expanded and changed over time.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Voting Rights in the United States
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Becoming a Voter
Research how someone registers to vote in your state.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Informed Voting
Learn about the importance of voting in the democratic process and what it takes to become an informed voter.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Informed Voting
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
**Practice: Voter Turnout and Its Effects**
Analyze the role voter turnout plays in electing officials at the federal level.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

**LESSON 3: FURTHER POLITICAL PARTICIPATION**

**Journal: Your Political Beliefs**
Reflect on how your political beliefs have been formed.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Methods of Participation**
Analyze methods of political participation beyond voting.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Methods of Participation**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Project: Making a Difference**
Compose a letter to a government official advocating a position on an important political or public policy issue that you have researched and evaluated.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 40 points

**LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: CIVIC AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION**

**Review: Civic and Political Participation**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): Civic and Political Participation**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): Civic and Political Participation**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

**UNIT 8: SEMESTER REVIEW AND EXAM**

**LESSON 1: SEMESTER REVIEW AND EXAM**

**Practice: Preparing for the Citizenship Exam**
Students take a practice U.S. citizenship civics test and create a plan of study for passing the exam.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Review: Semester Review**
Prepare for the final exam by reviewing key concepts and skills you have learned in this course.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Exam: Semester Exam**
Take a computer-scored exam to assess what you have learned in this course.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

**Final Exam: Semester Exam**
Take a teacher-scored exam to assess what you have learned in this course.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

**UNIT 9: FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS**

**LESSON 1: HOW THE ECONOMY WORKS**

**Checkup: Active Reading Strategies**
Learn eight important strategies for reading social studies texts.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Basic Economic Principles**
Explore the basic problem of economics and understand how scarcity affects the economy.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Checkup: Reviewing Scarcity**
Check your understanding on the key idea of scarcity and its influence over economics.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Basic Economic Principles**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Economic Decision Making**
Learn about the factors that play a role in economic decision making.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Economic Decision Making**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Journal: Doing a Cost-Benefit Analysis**
Consider an economic scenario and perform a cost-benefit analysis.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 2: ECONOMIC SYSTEMS**

**Study: Types of Economic Systems**
Learn about the types of economic systems that have developed over time and around the world.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Types of Economic Systems**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Comparing Economic Systems**
Make comparisons between the four types of economic systems.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Economic Theories**
Learn about the theories put forward by major economists and compare their ideas.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Economic Theories**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: The U.S. Economic System**
Examine the free enterprise economic system of the United States.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The U.S. Economic System**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 3: ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**Study: Specialization**
Learn about the economic benefits and opportunity costs of specialization.
LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS

Review: Fundamental Principles of Economics
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Fundamental Principles of Economics
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

UNIT 10: MICROECONOMICS

LESSON 1: THE FLOW OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Study: Real Flow of Goods and Services
Examine how goods and services flow through different groups within the economy.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Real Flow of Goods and Services
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Creating a Circular Flow Diagram
Create a circular flow diagram to illustrate how goods and services flow through the economy.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Study: The Laws of Supply and Demand
Learn about the laws of supply and demand and understand how they influence buyers and sellers.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Laws of Supply and Demand
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Factors that Influence Supply and Demand
Explore the factors that influence the forces of supply and demand in a market.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Factors that Influence Supply and Demand
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Illustrating Supply and Demand
Illustrate a supply and demand curve and analyze how different factors influence each curve on a graph.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: BUSINESS AND MARKET STRUCTURES

Study: Business Organization
Learn about how various businesses are structured and explore the pros and cons of each organization.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Business Organization
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Market Structures
Examine the various market structures that exist within an economy.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Market Structures
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: MICROECONOMICS

Review: Microeconomics
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Microeconomics
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

UNIT 11: MACROECONOMICS

LESSON 1: MEASURING THE ECONOMY

Study: Macroeconomic Goals
Review the concept of inflation and ensure your understanding of its influence over the economy.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Understanding Inflation
Review the concept of inflation and ensure your understanding of its influence over the economy.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Macroeconomic Goals
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: The Business Cycle
Explore the phases of the business cycle and understand how it is measured.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Business Cycle
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ECONOMY

Study: The Function of Money
Learn about how money is used and implemented within a country's economy.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Function of Money
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Study: Fiscal Policy
Learn about the tools of fiscal policy and explore the role that governments can play in the economy.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Fiscal Policy
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Government Spending
Learn about how a federal budget is created and what categories of spending the government funds.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Government Spending
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Debating Government Spending
Explore viewpoints on government spending and make an argument about a balanced federal budget.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: MONETARY POLICY
Study: The Effects of Monetary Policy
Learn about the tools of monetary policy and explore the role that managing the money supply can influence the economy.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Effects of Monetary Policy
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: The Federal Reserve
Learn about the creation, function, and goals of the Federal Reserve.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Federal Reserve
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: MACROECONOMICS
Review: Macroeconomics
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Macroeconomics
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

UNIT 12: GLOBAL ECONOMICS
LESSON 1: THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND TRADE
Study: The Global Economy
Examine economic connections that exist on a global level and understand the benefits and challenges posed by globalization.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Global Economy
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Study: Global Trade
Learn about the benefits of global trade and explore how absolute and comparative advantages can motivate the exchange of goods.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Checkup: Comparative Advantage and Trade
Explore the idea of comparative advantage and the role it plays in global trade.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Global Trade
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: MANAGING INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Study: Trade Barriers and Free Trade
Explore the different types of trade barriers that governments erect and examine the benefits of reduced barriers and free trade.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Barriers and Free Trade
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Debating Free Trade
Explore the pros and cons of free trade and pose an argument outlining your opinion.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Exchange Rates
Learn about how the exchange rates between countries influence trade and the global economy.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Exchange Rates
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 3: THE UNITED STATES AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Study: The U.S. Position in the Global Economy
Learn about the critical role the United States plays in the global economy and compare U.S. economic standards with those of other countries.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The U.S. Position in the Global Economy
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Comparing Economic Standards
Compare the economic standards of the United States with those of two other countries
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: GLOBAL ECONOMICS

Review: Wrap up: Global Economics
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Global Economics
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points
UNIT 13: PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY

LESSON 1: FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Study: Financial Institutions
Learn about the different types of financial institutions and understand the roles they play for consumers.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Financial Institutions
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Lending
Learn about the types of loans available to consumers and understand the requirements and obligations that borrowers face.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Lending
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Investing
Learn about investment options and explore the benefits of different kinds of investments.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Investing
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Managing a Bank Account
Examine example bank statements and interpret the information they present.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: BUILDING FINANCIAL LITERACY SKILLS

Study: Using Credit
Understand how credit is used and examine methods for using credit cards responsibly.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Using Credit
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Insurance
Learn about available types of insurance and understand how insurance is used to protect against the risk of loss.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Insurance
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Living Expenses
Outline the basic expenses that most people face and explore how to budget for those expenses.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Living Expenses
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Setting a Budget
Track your spending habits and set up a personal budget.
LESSON 3: WORK AND TAXES

Study: Managing Taxes
Learn about the types of taxes people need to pay and explore the process of filing taxes.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Managing Taxes
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Options for Financing Higher Education
Learn about options that exist to help finance the costs of higher education.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 10 points

Study: Joining the Workforce
Learn about common careers and explore skills that are important for success in the workforce.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Joining the Workforce
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 20 points

Journal: Planning for the Future
Explore career options and follow a rational decision-making model.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY

Review: Wrap Up: Personal Financial Literacy
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Personal Financial Literacy
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

UNIT 14: REVIEW AND EXAM

LESSON 1: REVIEW AND EXAM

Review: Review
Prepare for the final exam by reviewing key concepts and skills you have learned in this course.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Exam: Exam
Take a computer-scored exam to assess what you have learned in this course.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points