

TEACHER AND STUDENT WEB RESOURCES FOR AP® GOVERNMENT

General (all topics) Government

1. <http://www.politicalindex.com/> (primary purpose is to provide a one-stop shop for substantive political information-32 indices with links government-related topics)
2. <http://upslinks.net/> ("Ultimate Political Science"- geared more towards higher education)
3. <http://www.govengine.com> (excellent federal, state, and local government info)
4. <http://www.govspot.com> (GovSpot.com is a non-partisan government information portal designed to simplify the search for the best and most relevant government information online.)
5. <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/> (Government Printing Office official, digital, secure resource for producing, procuring, cataloging, indexing, authenticating, disseminating, and preserving the official information products of the U.S. Government.)

Underpinnings to the United States Constitution

1. <http://epistemelinks.com/> (index to early political philosophers)
2. <http://www.iep.utm.edu/> (*Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*)
3. <http://www.constitution.org/> (*The Constitution Society*- principles and ideas of the Constitution, complete works of important political philosophers that influenced the framing, including the text of the actual debates at the Constitutional Convention, and has links to Framers and founding documents)
4. <http://www.law.ou.edu/hist/> (*Chronology of US Historical Documents*)
5. <http://constitutioncenter.org/> (explanation of Constitution principles and its history, also contains teacher resources)
6. <http://www.usconstitution.net/> (info on the Framers, Constitutional Convention, Confederation Period & Constitution)
7. <http://www.archives.gov/> (*National Archives and Records Administration*- click on to "America's Founding Docs")
8. <http://www.loc.gov/> (*Library of Congress*- search "Founding Fathers" and see what happens!)

Federalism

1. <http://www.csg.org/> (*Council of State Governments* website, contains news from each state with state responses to federal issues)
2. <http://www.statelocalgov.net/> (*State and Local Government*)
3. <http://www.pbs.org/tpt/constitution-usa-peter-sagal/federalism/#.Vcy8VS-FPIU-> ("Constitution USA" PBS site- nice overview with videos to support)
4. <http://www.fed-soc.org/> (*The Federalist Society*- conservative and libertarian site that analyzes modern-day federalism issues)
5. <http://publius.oxfordjournals.org/> ("Publius"- world's leading journal devoted to federalism)
6. <http://www.cato.org/research/federalism> (*Cato Institute*- theoretical, historical, and modern-day perspectives/issues on federal-state relations)
7. <https://www.aei.org/> (*American Enterprise Institute*-- theoretical, historical, and modern-day perspectives/issues on federal-state relations)
8. <http://www.brookings.edu/> (*Brookings Institute*-- theoretical, historical, and modern-day perspectives/issues on federal-state relations)

The Bill of Rights: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

1. <https://www.aclu.org/> (American Civil Liberties Union)
2. <http://aclj.org/> (American Center for Law and Justice)
3. <https://www.ij.org/> (Institute for Justice- Conservative civil liberties site)
4. <http://www.civilrights.org/> (The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights)
5. <http://www.newseuminstitute.org/freedom-forum/> (*Freedom Forum*- 1st Amendment issues)

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6. <http://www.americancivilrightsreview.com/> (American Civil Rights Review- Extensive Archive of information including documents concerning the civil rights movement, its history, and current civil rights issues)
7. <http://civildrightsteaching.org/> ("Teaching for Change" project- provides lessons, handouts, news, and resources for teaching about the role of everyday people in the Civil Rights Movement)
8. <http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/civil/> (PBS Learning Media)
9. <http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/civil-rights-movement> (History Channel)
10. <http://www.crmvet.org/about.htm> (Veterans of the Southern Freedom Movement (1951-1968)- great collection of photos, documents, and eyewitness accounts)
11. <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aohtml/exhibit/aointro.html> (American Memory from Library of Congress)
12. <http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/civilrights/> (National Park Service- historic places of the Civil Rights Movement)
13. <https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/> (Stanford University's MLK Research and Education Institute)
14. <http://www.justice.gov/> (US Department of Justice- click on civil rights and liberties)
15. <http://www.findlaw.com/> (Click on "cases and codes" and you can access every Supreme Court case involving civil liberties and rights)

NOTE: There are hundreds of sites dealing with specific civil rights and civil liberties issues- a "Google" search on a specific topic (i.e. gun control, privacy, search and seizure, etc.) will take you where you need to go- keep in mind that these sites may contain material not suitable for your students.

Demographic and Statistical Information

1. <http://fedstats.sites.usa.gov/> (FedStats- provides access to the full range of official statistical information produced by the Federal Government)
2. <http://www.census.gov/> (United States Census Bureau website)
3. <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/> (United Nations- Statistics Division)
4. <http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml> (American Fact Finder)
5. <http://databank.worldbank.org/data/home.aspx> (World Data Bank)
6. <http://www.statemaster.com/index.php> (State Master- research and compare a multitude of different data on US states)
7. <http://www.pewresearch.org/data/> (Pew Research Center)
8. <http://www.city-data.com/> (informative profiles of all cities in the United States)
9. <http://www.prb.org/> (Population Reference Bureau)

Political Ideology and Public Opinion Information

1. <http://www.people-press.org/quiz/political-typology/> (*The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press*, has a nice political attitude online survey called "Where Do You Fit?")
2. <http://www.policyattitudes.org/index.html> (*Center on Policy Attitudes*- click on "links" and you will have access to every major polling agency in the United States!)
3. <http://www.gallup.com/home.aspx> (Gallup Polling Agency)
4. <http://www.pollingreport.com/> (Polling Report- An independent, nonpartisan resource on trends in American public opinion)
5. <http://www.ropercenter.uconn.edu/> (Roper Poll- click on "Polls")
6. <http://www.publicagenda.com/> (*Public Agenda Online*- click on "issues")
7. <http://electionstudies.org/nsguide/nsguide.htm> (The ANES Guide to Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior- **this is a must site** for the students to see, has down loadable tables, charts, and graphs, thousands of public opinion polls)
8. <http://www.irss.unc.edu/odum/contentSubpage.jsp?nodeid=463> – (University of N Carolina's Odum Institute- archive of state polls is the largest available and contains nearly 70,000 items from more than 700 studies, contributed by 44 survey organizations in 25 states)

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9. <http://worldpublicopinion.org/index.php> (World Public Opinion- public opinion around the world on international issues.)

NOTE: The following news media organizations contain polling data and polling archives. Type in the name in any search agenda: ABC and CBS News, LA Times, NY Times, Washington Post, Time Magazine, NY Times/CBS News Poll (registration is required for this resource)

Interest Group Information

NOTE: The number and type of interest groups who have web pages is unlimited; use a search engine and simply type in the name of the organization or type of group you are seeking.

1. <http://www.politicalindex.com/> (National Political Index- selecting indices 9 and 10, you can access every major political activist group that has a web page)

Political Parties, Campaigns, and Elections Information

NOTE: Use a search engine and simply type in the name of candidate for office you are seeking to get to that candidates webpage/information.

1. <http://www.politicalindex.com/> (National Political Index-(select indices 8 and 9 to access every major political party registered in the United States maintaining a web page)
2. <https://gop.com/> (Republican Party)
3. <http://www.democrats.org/> (Democratic Party)
4. <http://reformparty.org/> (Reform Party)
5. <http://www.gp.org/index.php> (Green Party)
6. <http://www.lp.org/> (Libertarian Party)
7. <http://www.fec.gov/> (Federal Election Commission- great information on FECA and other campaign financing laws; also explains the Electoral College)
8. <http://www.opensecrets.org/> (Center for Responsive Politics- **this is a must site**- contains the best information on campaign financing, with tables and graphs that can be printed)
9. <http://lww.org/> (League of Women Voters- good website with election and campaign financing information)
10. <http://www.fairvote.org/> (The Center for Voting and Democracy- great website with info on redistricting and election races around the United States)
11. <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/> ("The Green Papers", very detailed site with national and state election info, primary and caucus data- excellent charts and graphs)
12. <http://votesmart.org/> (Project Vote Smart- detailed information on candidates, issues, and campaign financing)
13. <http://www.commoncause.org/> (Common Cause- dedicated to campaign finance reform, good information on the abuses of money and politics)
14. <http://www.debates.org/> (Commission on Presidential Debates- great site for presidential campaign information and history of elections)
15. <http://www.pbs.org/30secondcandidate/front.html> (The :30 Second Candidate: The Democracy Project- PBS site that has great information on political advertising and campaigning)
16. <http://www.livingroomcandidate.org/> (American Museum of the Moving Image site- contains The History of Presidential Campaign Commercials 1952-2012- students can actually view presidential campaign ads!)
17. <http://faculty.kutztown.edu/richards/220/ad-archive.html> (Campaign advertising websites with ability to view various state and national campaign ads - great site for students!)
18. <http://www.4president.org/> (select the election year to see an example of the Official Campaign Logo used by a candidate during that year's campaign. Learn about each election by downloading a candidate's issues brochure, printing campaign stickers or materials for a mock election, or by looking at major campaign speeches, popular vote and Electoral College data.)

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19. <http://www.idea.int/vt/index.cfm> (International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)- documents voter turnout from 1945 to date in electoral democracies around the world. Pick a country and see how the U.S. stacks up)
20. <http://www.politics1.com/> (election information, also explains the primary and caucus system)

The Media and Politics Information

NOTE: These are web pages from news organizations that contain excellent information and links on politics, government, and policy making. Many also contain political cartoons.

1. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/> - Washington Post
2. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/> - Washington Times
3. <http://www.nytimes.com/> - New York Times
4. <http://www.latimes.com/nation/politics/politicsnow/> - Los Angeles Times
5. <http://www.wsj.com/> - Wall Street Journal
6. <http://www.c-span.org/> - C-Span
7. <http://www.drudgereport.com/> (Drudge Report- links to all major news agencies)
8. <http://www.mediachannel.org/> (Media Channel- focused on the political, cultural, and social impacts of the media, provides information from diverse perspectives)
9. <http://www.rollcall.com/> (Roll Call- online newspaper, considered the newspaper of Capitol Hill, provides news and information that is considered indispensable for members of Congress and their staff)
10. <http://thehill.com/> (The Hill online newspaper about Congress)
11. <http://www.newsmax.com/cartoons/> (Complete listing of political cartoonists with their links)

Political Institutions (Congress, Presidency, Executive Branch, and Courts) Information

1. <http://www.house.gov/> - (US House of Representatives)
2. <http://www.senate.gov/> - (US Senate)
3. <http://www.loc.gov/topics/government.php> (Library of Congress- Government, Politics, and Law section)
4. <http://www.archives.gov/> (National Archives- resources on all government political institutions)
5. <https://www.congress.gov/> (information on all legislation)
6. <http://www.dirksencenter.org/> (The Dirksen Congressional Center- good resources for teachers teaching about Congress)
7. <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/> (Washington Post project, “Votes Database”- lets you browse every vote in the U.S. Congress since 1991)
8. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/> (The White House- access all federal agencies from this site)
9. <http://millercenter.org/president> (The Miller Center is a nonpartisan affiliate of the University of Virginia that specializes in presidential scholarship, public policy, and political history)
10. <https://www.usa.gov/federal-agencies/> (Info on all federal agencies)
11. <http://www.uscourts.gov/> (US Courts- good resources)
12. <https://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/cases/topic.htm> (Cornell University Law School- Supreme Court cases by topic)
13. <http://www.oyez.org/> (U.S. Supreme Court Multimedia Database- good info on history, cases, justices, and procedure)
14. <http://www.lib.msu.edu/cs/branches/vvl/presidents/> (Vincent Voice Library- recorded movie and voice clips of Presidents Harrison through Obamas)

Policy Making Information

1. <http://www.publicagenda.org/> (Public Agenda- good site to use to get students to understand public policy issues and process)

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2. <http://www.policyalmanac.org/> (**Policy Almanac**- major public policy news digest)
3. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb> (**Office of Management and Budget**)
4. <https://history.state.gov/> (**US Department of State's Office of the Historian**- official documentary history of U.S. foreign policy in the Foreign Relations of the United States)
5. <http://cagw.org/> (**Citizens against Government Waste**- the CCAGW mission is to advocate the elimination of waste and inefficiency in government through nonpartisan public education programs and lobbying activities. Check out the Congressional Pig Book!)
6. <http://www.gao.gov/> (**US Government Accountability Office**- the "congressional watchdog," investigates how the federal government spends taxpayer dollars)
7. <http://www.appam.org/> (**Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management**- dedicated to improving public policy and management by fostering excellence in research, analysis, and education.)