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AP U. S. Government & Politics

Grade 11/12

Advanced Placement U.S. Government & Politics offers a college level experience that is both demanding and rigorous, and which will prepare students to be successful on the AP Exam. This course offers an analysis of the development of democracy down through history and its evolution in the American Republic. Students will contemplate the theoretical and philosophical ideals of a democratic society and examine the manifestation of democratic institutions in Athens, Rome, Britain and the United States. Following the introduction to democratic institutions is an intensive study of the formal and informal structures of the American republic with an emphasis on policy making and implementation. The course is designed to provide the content necessary for students to become active and informed citizens in the nation's political system. Sitting the AP United States Government & Politics Exam is a prerequisite for the successful completion of this course.