



PBS Teachers

AP U.S. Government & Politics Resources from PBS

Constitutional Underpinnings of the U.S. Government

American Experience

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/>

American Experience is television's longest-running, most-watched history series. Each of the following films focuses on issues relating to the constitutional foundations of the American government; the companion Web sites offer extensive background information, including primary sources, interactive features, and lesson plans.

John and Abigail Adams
Alexander Hamilton
The Duel
Abraham and Mary Lincoln: A House Divided

Liberty! The American Revolution

<http://www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/index.html>

This Peabody Award-winning series about the birth of the American Republic and the struggle of a loosely connected group of states to become a nation; Web site includes hyperlinked articles and biographies, interactive activities, and lesson plans.

Political Beliefs & Behaviors

Freedom: A History of US

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/historyofus/>

This sixteen-part series, based on the award winning books by master storyteller Joy Hakim, examines how the ideal of freedom has shaped our nation; Web site features hundreds of primary sources, hyperlinked articles, streaming video, timelines, glossaries, interactive quizzes, and lesson plans.

FRONTLINE

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/>

American public television's flagship public affairs program offers a wide variety of resources pertaining to these themes. In addition to streaming video of full programs, the Web site provides extensive background information, transcripts, and lesson plans. The following list of program titles is a sampling:

The Jesus Factor
Justice for Sale

Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Mass Media

American Masters

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/>

American Masters is an ongoing series of award-winning primetime specials examining the lives, works, and creative processes of our most outstanding cultural artists. The following films focus on journalist who have helped to shape the American media and politics:

Walter Cronkite
Edward R. Murrow

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The following list of program titles is a sampling:

- The Choice '96
- The Choice 2000
- The Choice 2004
- Karl Rove: The Architect
- News War
- So You Want to Buy a President?
- The Clinton Years

Institutions of National Government

The American President

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/amerpres/>

This ten-part series tells the epic tale of the presidency; Web site includes an extensive library of articles, primary sources, and video clips related to key figures as well as interactive activities and lesson plans.

Ken Burns American Stories: “The Congress”

<http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/congress/>

This documentary explores the history and promise of one of the country's most important and least understood institutions; Web site includes streaming video clips, a timeline, and a lesson plan.

The Supreme Court

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/supremecourt/>

This four-part series explores the history, influence, and drama of America's highest court; Web site includes streaming video clips, extensive background information about key players and decisions in the Court's history, primary sources, lesson plans, and a discussion guide.

Public Policy

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The following list of program titles is a sampling:

- The Age of AIDS
- Campaign Against Terror
- Can You Afford to Retire?
- Drug Wars
- Hot Politics (Global Climate Change)
- Missile Wars
- The Storm (Hurricane Katrina)
- Testing Our Schools
- The Torture Question
- Truth, War, and Consequences
- What's Up with the Weather?

NOW

<http://www.pbs.org/now/>

NOW is a weekly television news program that covers stories in politics, policy, and economics, among other topics; Web site offers streaming video, interview transcripts, background information, and lesson plans.

Washington Week

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/washingtonweek/>

Washington Week, which features a group of journalists participating in roundtable discussion of major news events, is the longest-running public affairs program on PBS; Web site provides transcripts, streaming video, and lesson plans.

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

American Experience

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/>

The following films focus primarily on the civil rights of African Americans and women; Web sites offer extensive background information, including primary sources, interactive features and classroom activities.

Abraham and Mary Lincoln: A House Divided

Citizen King

George Wallace

Malcolm X

Marcus Garvey

Partners of the Heart

The Murder of Emmett Till

The Pill

LBJ

The Kennedys

Eyes on the Prize

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/eyesontheprize/>

The award-winning series from the producers of American Experience tells the story of the American Civil Rights movement; Web site includes primary sources, profiles of key people and events, personal and scholarly essays, and lesson plans.

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<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/>

The Last Abortion Clinic

Spying on the Homefront

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly

http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/index_flash.html

This one-of-a-kind television newsmagazine provides insightful coverage and analysis of the news, people, events and trends behind the headlines in the rich world of religion and ethics; Web site contains extensive background information, an interactive multifaith calendar, lesson plans, and viewer's guides.

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