

Pennington Traditional – 8th/Civics/Economics

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<u>Month</u>	<u>Objectives Covered</u>	<u>Prior Assignments, Assessments, Resources</u>	<u>Additional Available Resources</u>
September	CE.2a-e Fundamental Principles, Documents, the Constitution and Amendments	Principled superhero, Historic Documents project, Constitutional Amendment simulation, iCivics: Do I have the Right, CE.2 test. *extra opt project – Sons of American Revolution brochure Overall Civics SOL review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review: Study Island 2a – Foundations of American Constitutional Gov’t • Review: iCivics Do I have the Right? • Match the Constitution up to its use in real life https://www.docsteach.org/activities/student/the-constitution-at-work • ICivics DBQuest: America’s Founding Documents • ICivics webquest – Constitution • Extension: Go to Online Constitution Center and sign up for a free webinar • Extension: Digital Escape Room: Ratify the Bill of Rights And Free James Madison
October	CE.3a-e, 4a-g, 5g Citizenship Process, rights, duties, responsibilities, and characteristics and Election Candidate research	ICivics : Immigration Nation, right/duty/responsibility sort, characteristic skits, CE.3 and 4 test, Who Represents Me research, mock election including candidate research and posters. ICivics: Cast Your Vote Overall Civics SOL review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review: Study Island 2b – Rights and Responsibilities of a Citizen • ICivics Drafting Board: Citizenship and Community Service persuasive writing • Extension: Digital escape room on Becoming a Citizen • Extension: Digital escape room on Digital Citizenship and cyberbullying
November	CE.5a-f, 6a-b, 7a-b Election process, voting req, political parties and Electoral College Start Federalism and Separation of Powers	Electoral college simulation, iCivics: Win the White House, campaign literature analysis, political spectrum questionnaire and analysis, Third Party Project, CE.5 test, ICivics: Lunch Menu challenge simulation, overview of Federalism and Branches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review: Study Island 2c – Political Process and Citizen Involvement • Review: iCivics Casey Your Vote, Win the White House and Executive Command games • ICivics Drafting Board: Interest Groups persuasive writing • ICivics Webquest – Federalism

		Overall Civics SOL review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension: Digital Escape Room Federalism
December	CE.6a-c, 7a-c, 8a-c, &9a-c Legislative Branch at all three levels and influence of individuals, interest groups, and media on lawmaking	<p>Article I analysis, Lawmaking process through Roll Your Own Adventure, comic strip, and Mock Congress group project. ICivics: Lawcraft *extra opt project – General Assembly law research</p> <p>Overall Civics SOL review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review: Study Island 2d – Checks and Balances • ICivics webquest – Local government • ICivics webquest – Gerrymandering • ICivics webquest: who are your elected officials • Digital Escape Room: Free Congress • Extension: Gerrymandering game http://www.redistrictinggame.org/ • Extension: Complete the optional General Assembly law tracker project • Extension: ICivics game: International Relations
January	CE.6d, 7d, review of 6a-b and 7a-b Executive Branch at all three levels	<p>Presidential election (review Electoral College), roles of the Executive, Superhero Sidekick (Cabinet positions), Best President project</p> <p>Overall Civics SOL review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review: Study Island 2e – Federal, State, and Local Gov’t and 3g – Public Policy • Review: replay iCivics Executive Command • ICivics game: Counties Work • ICivics game: People’s Pie (about government budget)
February	CE.10a-c Judicial Branch in state and federal at all levels	<p>Article III analysis, original vs appellate jurisdiction, criminal vs civil law, due process review, iCivics: Courtquest and Supreme Decision</p> <p>Overall Civics SOL review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review: Study Island 2f – The Judicial System • Review: replay iCivics Courtquest game • ICivics Webquest: Judicial Branch • ICivics game: We the Jury
March	CE.1c and CE.11a. Political Cartoons Introduction to Economics (vocabulary/concepts)	<p>Notes on characteristics of political cartoons, analysis of cartoons meaning and use of characteristics. Original political cartoon project, Introduction smart notebook on Econ vocabulary</p> <p>Overall Civics SOL review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review: Study Island 3a – Economic Concepts • Nearpod (student-paced) on Economic concepts https://share.nearpod.com/vsph/Y561Ec8mNu • ICivics drafting board – Should kids be issued credit cards persuasion • Extension: register at Marginal Revolution University and take the Microeconomics course <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <small>Join with this CODE at join.nearpod.com or in the app</small> VWEEK <small>Valid from Tue, Mar 17th 2020 until Thu, Apr 16th 2020 © 24 days remaining</small> </div>

OVERALL Review/Extension suggestions:

- Online course on VA Government <https://digitallearning.whro.org/usgovt/index.html>
- Online course on Introduction to Economics and Personal Finance <https://digitallearning.whro.org/econpersonalfinance/index.html>
- Online module on Digital Citizenship <https://digitallearning.whro.org/digitalcitizenship/index.html>

Reminders:

- No new instruction is being given.
- All additional available resources are for optional practice only and are not being used for grades.
- All due dates are April 14, or whenever students return to school.
- I am available during regular school hours (9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. Monday-Friday) to provide assistance and/or additional resources and I can be reached at merrilej@pwcs.edu.