

CSEES/Lesson Plan

Courses: US Government and Contemporary World Issues

Grade: 9-12 (and College Credit Plus)

Ohio State Social Studies Standards:

1. As the supreme law of the land, the U.S. Constitution incorporates basic principles which help define the government of the United States as a federal republic including its structure, powers and relationship with the governed.
2. Nations seek to ensure the security of their geographic territories, political institutions, economic systems and ways of life. Maintaining security has political, social and economic costs.
3. Economic, political and social differences between global entities can lead to conflict unless mitigated through diplomacy or cooperative efforts.
4. Individuals and organizations work within, or outside of, established systems of power, authority and governance to influence their own security and the security of others. . Individuals and organizations work within, or outside of, established systems of power, authority and governance to influence their own security and the security of others.

Learning Objectives

1. *Students will identify and interpret the constitutional documents describing the structure and governing authority of the European Union.*
2. *Students will compare and contrast the uses of Federalism within the European Union to the federal structure of the United States Government.*
3. *Students will identify and describe a recent or current conflict between the European Parliament and the government of a European Union member nation.*

Research Paper Rubrics

The research paper will make up ___ of the final course grade. Grading criteria will be as follows:

- I. Due Date _____
- II. Topic Selection: Choose a European Union member nation, that is of interest. (utilize a sign-up method that ensures that as many of the 28 nations are profiled, with limited duplications)
- III. Define Federalism in your own words. Identify in which Article of the US Constitution powers are Reserved/Delegated to the states and describe them. Identify and describe Concurrent powers. (20 points).
- IV. Define sovereignty in your own words. Identify and describe the methods in which federalism has been adapted to the European Union. Analyze the European Union constitution and its impact upon member nation sovereignty. (20 points)
- V. Briefly describe your nation's founding documents (plan of government) and identify any unique features. (20 points).
- VI. List the current name and title of your nation's elected leaders (President, Prime Minister, Chancellor...). In addition, identify any hereditary leadership (10 points).
- VII. Identify and describe a recent controversial law enacted by your member nation (10 points).
- VIII. Provide a properly formatted annotated APA Reference page with at least 4 appropriate sources (published in the last year).
 - A. APA format (5 points).
 - B. Sufficient sources including your selected national constitution, official website and major media, as well as the US Constitution (5 points).
 - C. Annotations or brief descriptions of how each source was used (10 points).

Grading Rubric for the Research Paper

Worth 20% of the final Course Grade (100 points)

<i>I. Discuss federalism the US Constitution in 2 typed pages.</i>	
<i>A. Identify the proper Article of the Constitution and list 2 reserved powers (10 points).</i>	<i>/10</i>
<i>B. Identify and describe 2 concurrent powers (10 points).</i>	<i>/10</i>
<i>II. Describe the European Union constitution in 2 typed pages.</i>	
<i>A. Identify how national sovereignty has been impacted by the European Union constitution.(10 points)</i>	<i>/10</i>
<i>B. Identify the applications of federalism within the European Union. (10 points).</i>	<i>/10</i>
<i>III. Identify your nation's founding and current governmental documents. List the current elected and</i>	

<i>hereditary leadership of your nation</i>	
<i>A. List and describe the founding and current constitutional documents of your nation. (20 points).</i>	<i>/20</i>
<i>B. Identify and describe the current elected leadership and current or past hereditary leadership of your nation (10 points).</i>	<i>/10</i>
<i>IV. Identify a controversial law enacted by the nation (10 points).</i>	<i>/10</i>
<i>V. Provide a properly formatted, annotated APA Reference page with at least 4 appropriate sources (published in the last year).</i>	
<i>A. APA format (5 points).</i>	<i>/5</i>
<i>B. Sufficient sources (5 points).</i>	<i>/5</i>
<i>C. Annotations (10 points).</i>	<i>/10</i>
<i>VI. Total</i>	<i>/100</i>