

US GOVERNMENT PROJECT – Due Thursday January 19

Primary questions to be answered (These are not one sentence answers):

1. How does the US Government work
2. What are the three branches of government and what do they do?
3. What is the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and why are they important?

Secondary questions that could also be shown in your project: (These are not required, but will obviously make a better project with the more you answer)

What are the three sections of the constitution?

How many states had to ratify the Constitution in order for it to go into effect in 1789?

What was the outcome of the Revolutionary War?

What would our government be like if we had lost the revolutionary war?

What is the purpose of the constitution?

Why was slavery a big part of the constitution

What is the process of becoming a president, senate, house, and judiciary member?

Why did the founders choose the form of government they did?

Why did we need a president?

What is the difference between a governor and a president?

Why couldn't women and slaves vote?

Why was the new government worried about having/and not having taxes

How are laws created in our form of government?

How has civil rights changed in our government over time?

Why did we need a federal government?

Why did the founding fathers decide to have 3 branches of government?

Why was congress divided into two houses?

What services does our federal government provide us?

Who was a key "founding father" to our government and why?

How were former colonist affected compared to how we are affected by this new government?

What was the point of the constitutional convention?

You may also add any additional useful information that you find.

Primary Resources:

Studies Weekly – Week 16 Growing Pains, Week 17 Constitution, Week 18 Plans For a New Government and Week 19 Government of the People

YOU MAY USE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES YOU FIND

Acceptable Formats for the Project. (you may combine two or more)

Diagram

Models: Should show the three branches

Verbal Presentation or a Song. A verbal presentation should be between 3-5 minutes

Written Essay: 3 or more pages (single space). Typed is preferred

Poster: Can use a tri-fold poster or two or more poster board size papers

PowerPoint: should be a minimum of 5 slides (6 including the title page)

Timeline

Booklet/Picture Book/Comic (a booklet should be a minimum of 3 folded pages).

Video or Animation: Paper or any method that can be converted into a YouTube video. A video should be a minimum of two minutes (At the end of your video or animation the viewer should be able to say that the three primary questions were answered, and point out any additional questions that were answered.)