

English as a Second Language Civics

Ridgeway High School
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Course description: ESL Civics is a content-based English and Civics class for beginning level learners of English. It offers students a basic introduction to U. S. history and government. In addition to the social studies content, it is also a preparatory course for students who will be applying for citizenship.

Text: *Voices of Freedom, English and Civics, Third Edition* by Bill Bliss with Steven J. Molinsky

First Six Weeks:

Topics: Maps and Geography
Continents and Oceans
Cities, States, and Capitals
Latitude and Longitude
The Earth and Landforms
Climates and Land Biomes
Weather and the Seasons
The U. S. flag

Language: Simple Present Tense
Simple Present Tense of to be
WH Questions
Yes/No Questions
Short Answers
There is/There are
Singular/Plural
Have/Has

Second Six Weeks:

- Topics: The First Americans
The Eskimos
Native American Cultures
Foods Native to the Americas
Mayas, Aztecs, and the Incas
Discovery and Colonization of the New World
Explorers from Europe
The Vikings
The Spanish Missions
The French Colonies
The Dutch Colonies
The English Colonies
- Language: Past Tense: Regular Verbs
Past Tense: Irregular Verbs
Did/Didn't
Map reading, locating places
Using map keys

Third Six Weeks:

- Topics: Jamestown Colony
Plymouth Colony
Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving
The New England Colonies
The Mid-Atlantic Colonies
The Southern Colonies
Ports on the Atlantic Ocean
England and the Thirteen Colonies
- Language: WH Questions
Past Tense: Regular Verbs
Past Tense: Irregular Verbs
Narrative Writing
Short Answers
Summarizing

Fourth Six Weeks:

Topics: Documents of Freedom
Declaration of Independence
The American Revolutionary War
George Washington: An American Hero
The Constitution
The Bill of Rights
Amendments
Branches of Government
Legislative Branch
Executive Branch
Judicial Branch
Duties of Citizenship

Language: Sequence of events
Recognizing Cause and Effect
Writing in the past tense
Organizing information for a report
Taking notes from a reference book
Timelines
Writing paragraphs

Fifth Six Weeks:

Topics: The National Anthem *Star-Spangled Banner*
Expansion of the Country
Northern States
Southern States
Western Expansion
The Gold Rush
Abraham Lincoln
Emancipation Proclamation
The Civil War
The Gettysburg Address
Gettysburg National Cemetery
Reconstruction
Arlington, Virginia

Language: Reporting information: Oral Reports
Internet Research with Note Taking
Writes simple reports
Writes summaries
Scans a reading text to find specific information
Relates previous information to new information
Discusses ideas

Sixth Six Weeks:

Topics: Industrial Revolution
Labor Movement
Inventions
Immigration
Civil Rights Movement
Citizen's Rights and Responsibilities
Presidents: 1961 to Present
 John F. Kennedy
 Lyndon B. Johnson
 Richard Nixon
 Gerald Ford
 James Earl (Jimmy) Carter
 Ronald Reagan
 George Bush
 William J. (Bill) Clinton
 George W. Bush
September 11, 2001

Language: Power-point project on one of the Presidents from 1961 to Present.