THE **CURIOUS** GEORGIAN'S RESOURCE GUIDE

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Welcome

Our Sources Included in this guide are books, articles, videos, speeches, and other primary and secondary sources. The books come from the Fulton County library system, and should be available to most school districts.

Organization These sources focus on topics within Georgia history, US history, and US government. Topics are organized chronologically. At the end of each section is an additional section that references sources for educators and sources for researchers. This does not mean that no other sources can be used by researchers or educators, but simply that the latter section holds sources made specifically for educators and researchers.

Citations Sources are cited in Chicago/Turabian styles.

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Is Something Missing?

If you know of any resources you think should be on this list, feel free to submit them to gacapitoltours@uga.edu. Chicago/Turabian citation is preferable, but we will accept links to suggested resources as well.





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HISTORY

These resources include books, videos, and websites related to Georgia's history. They are organized chronologically.

Pre-Colonial

These resources relate to the Native Peoples who lived on the land that eventually became Georgia.

White, Max E.. The Archaeology and History of the Native Georgia Tribes. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2005. http://www.loc.gov/catdir/toc/fy034/2002075505.html. Max E. White gives readers an explanation of decades of archaeological research related to the Native Peoples of Georgia.

Sophia's Schoolhouse: Prehistory Overview. Video. Sophia's Schoolhouse. Georgia Historical Society. Accessed April 23, 2020. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IRP1et93os. Host Elyse Butler gives a general overview of Georgia's precolonial Native American history.

Colonial

These sources specifically address the colonial history of Georgia, and how it fit into England and Spain's empire building plans.

The Black Legend, Native Americans, and Spaniards: Crash Course US History #1.Video. Vol. 1. 48 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2013. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6E9WU9TGrec. This course discusses the written history of Native Peoples who interacted with European settlement, specifically the Spanish, in the Americas.

Hall, Brianna. Exploring the Georgia Colony. Smithsonian, 2017. This book is accessible to young people as well as adults. It explores what life may have been like for early European settlers.

Colonial cont.

Harkins, Susan Sales. Georgia: The Debtor's Colony. Hockessin: Mitchell Lane Publishers, 2007. Mitchell Lane published this resource for children in 2007. The book is a source on the beginning of Georgia as a colony of England.

Get to Know Abraham Baldwin Video. Sophia's Schoolhouse. Georgia Historical Society, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feXuH5sv0xg. The Georgia Historical Society published this brief video in 2015 to share the history of Abraham Baldwin, one of Georgia's founding fathers.

Get to Know James Edward Oglethorpe, Part 1 of 4 (1696–1717). Accessed April 9, 2020. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNf-SaCFv7fs. The Georgia Historical Society published this video to share information on the man, the myth, the legend, founder of the colony of Georgia: James Edward Oglethorpe.

Mis, Melody S. The Colony of Georgia: A Primary Source History. New York: PowerKids Press, 2007. This book frames primary sources on the colony of Georgia in an accessible way. Accompanies The Colony of Georgia.

Coleman, Brooke. The Colony of Georgia. New York: PowerKids Press, 2000. Focuses on the lives of early European settlers in Georgia. Accompanies The Colony of Georgia: A Primary Source History.

Matthew Mulcahy. Hubs of Empire: The Southeastern Lowcountry and British Caribbean. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014. In this book author Matthew Mulcahy argued that the South Carolina and Georgia lowcountries united with Barbados, Jamaica, and the British Leeward islands to form a single economic region of the British empire.

Colonial cont.

Pressly, Paul M. On the Rim of the Caribbean. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2013. Paul Pressly argues that the Savannah played a role as a Caribbean town, and that this shaped African American culture in the low country.

Gallay, Alan. The Formation of a Planter Elite: Jonathan Bryan and the Southern Colonial Frontier. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2007. In this book Alan Gallay examines how Georgia frontiers—man Jonathan Bryan rose through the social ranks of the eighteenth century.

McIlvenna, Noeleen. The Short Life of Free Georgia: Class and Slavery in the Colonial South, 2015. Noeleen McIlvenna explores the period of time when Georgia's trustees experimented with free – rather than enslaved – labor.

Revolutionary

These sources discuss the role Georgia played in the American Revolutionary War.

Federalism: Crash Course Government and Politics #4. Video. Vol. 4. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JogosGXSgsI. Host Craig Benzine discusses the origin of Federalism and why the US government is divided the way that it is.

The Bicameral Congress: Crash Course Government and Politics #2. Video. Vol. 2. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9de-fOwVWS8&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=2. Host Craig Benzine discusses the origins of the bicameral legislature in the US and how it works in Congress.

Revolutionary cont.

The Constitution, the Articles, and Federalism: Crash Course US History #8. Video. Vol. 8. 48 vols. Crash Course US History. PBS Digital, 2013. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bO7FQsCcbD8. This short video explains the basic formation of the Constitution and the political arguments that surrounded it.

Top Ten Reasons to Study the United States Constitution. Video. Sophia's Schoolhouse. Georgia Historical Society, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwVn8WYO90I. Host Stan Deaton (Ph.D) lists ten reasons to study the US constitution. These reasons explain the ways the constitution works to establish citiens' rights and the government itself.

Understanding the Constitutional Convention with Stan Deaton, Ph.D. Video. Sophia's School House. Georgia Historical Society, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Up_kxcuBn9A. Host Stan Deaton (Ph.D) explains development of American government starting with the Articles of the Confederacy. Explains how and why the states transitioned to using the Constitution as it exists today.

Russell, David Lee. Oglethorpe and Colonial Georgia: A History 1733–1783. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Co, 2006. David Russell shares the narrative of Georgia's transformation from colony to free state. This work focuses specifically on Georgia's perspective on the Revolutionary war and events that led to it.

Piecuch, Jim. Three People One King: Loyalists, Indians, and Slaves in the Revolutionary South. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2013. Jim Piecuch explores the motivations and histories of Europeans, enslaved peoples, and native peoples in the deep south that sided with Britain in the Revolutionary War.

Antebellum/Westward Expansion

These resources relate to Westward expansion and the period before the American Civil War

Josephson, Judith Pinkerton. Why Did Cherokees Move West?: And Other Questions about the Trail of Tears. Six Questions of American History. Minneapolis, Minn: Lerner Publications, 2012. This book addresses common misconceptions and questions about the Trail of Tears and the Cherokee nation.

Auslander, Mark. The Accidental Slaveowner: Revisiting the Myth of Race and Finding an American Family. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2011. Mark Auslander investigates the competing narratives of Miss Kitty, enslaved by Bishop James Osgood Andrew, an early member of Emory University's board of trustees.

Civil War and Reconstruction

These sources explore Georgia's role in the American Civil War and the periods afterwards known as Reconstruction.

Berry, Carrie. Diary of Carrie Berry: A Confederate Girl. Fact Finders. First-Person Histories, 2014. This book presents excerpts from a primary source, the diary of Carrie Berry.

Reconstruction and 1876: Crash Course US History #22. Video. Vol. 22. 48 vols. Crash Course US History. PBS Digital, 2013. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nowsS7pMApI. In this video host John Green presents information on the period of Reconstruction and how that impacted southern culture.

Rogers, William. A Scalawag in Georgia: Richard Whiteley and the Politics of Reconstruction. Urbana: University of Illinois, 2007. William Warren Rogers uses the story of Richard Whiteley, Irish immigrant to Georgia, to explore how outsiders navigated southern politics during Reconstruction.

New South

After the Civil War and Reconstruction, capitalists like Henry Grady sought to rebrand the South's image to draw in business. They developed the idea of the New South, a place of progress and industrialization, a place of low risk and high reward. These sources explore the development of this ideology, as well as the ways everyday Georgians adjusted to the changes of the late 1800s.

Link, William A. Atlanta, Cradle of the New South: Race and Remembering in the Civil War's Aftermath, 2013. William A. Link reviews the ways Atlanta politics sought to create a "New South" following the Civil War.

Perdue, Theda. Race and the Atlanta Cotton States Exposition of 1895. Georgia Southern University Jack N. and Addie D. Averitt Lecture Series 16. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2010. Theda Perdue examines the competing agendas of white supremacist organizers and the peoples of color who participated.

Hickey, Georgina. Hope and Danger in the New South City: Working-Class Women and Urban Development in Atlanta, 1890–1940. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2003. Georgina Hickey uses primary sources to explore the lives of working women in Atlanta and how they related to the city's goals of rebranding in the late 1800s.

Montgomery, Rebecca S. The Politics of Education in the New South: Women and Reform in Georgia, 1890–1930. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2006. Rebecca S. Montgomery explores the roles women played in reform of the post–reconstruction south, and argues that their motivations lied in a desire to distribute resources more equally.

New South cont.

Hahn, Steven. The Roots of Southern Populism: Yeoman Farmers and the Transformation of the Georgia Upcountry, 1850–1890. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006. Steven Hahn argues that the end of the Civil War and Reconstruction in the Southeast armed small landowning farmers with the political power to begin the Populism movement. He specifically uses experiences of people in the upcountry of Georgia to explain broader trends throughout the Southeast.

Thompson, H. Paul. A Most Stirring and Significant Episode: Religion and the Rise and Fall of Prohbition in Black Atlanta 1865–1887. Dekalb, IL: NIU Press, 2012. Paul H. Thompson argues that the southern prohibition movement of the late 1800s would not have been successful without African American voices.

Early Twentieth Century

These resources discuss the end of the guilded age, race riots of the early 1900s, the build up to prohibition.

Goodson, Steve. Highbrows, Hillbillies, & Hellfire: Public Entertainment in Atlanta, 1880–1930. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2002. Steve Goodson looks critically at the types of entertainment available to Atlantans at the turn of the century, and argues that it is evidence of a city wide identity crisis.

Godshalk, David Fort. Veiled Visions: The 1906 Atlanta Race Riot and the Reshaping of American Race Relations. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2005. David Fort Godshalk presents the public memory of the Atlanta race riot and argues that this shaped race relations of the city for decades afterwards.

Early Twentieth Century cont.

Armstrong, Julie Buckner. Mary Turner and the Memory of Lynching. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2011. Julie Buckner Armstrong reviews the public memory surrounding the lynching of Mary Turner near Valdosta Ga. This incident came after the murder of a white farmer triggered a week of violence that resulted in eleven other murders of local African Americans.

Burns, Rebecca. Rage in the Gate City. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2009. Rebecca Burns uses primary sources to retell the narrative of the 1906 race riot in Atlanta.

Chirhart, Ann Short. Torches of Light: Georgia Teachers and the Coming of the Modern South. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2005. Ann Short Chirhart considers teachers' roles in the modernization of Georgia. She argues that teachers from different racial and socioeconomic backgrounds had to renegotiate their ideas of class, race, and gender.

Late Twentieth Century

These sources discuss recent Georgia history.

Vale, Lawrence J. Purging the Poorest: Public Housing and the Design Politics of Twice-Cleared Communities. Chicago IL: University of Chicago Press, 2013. Lawrence J. Vale argues that issues of architecture and urbanism cannot be separated from public policy. Vale uses archival research and interviews to tell the stories of Chicago's Cabrini-Green and Atlanta's Techwood/Clark Howell homes.

Ford, Pearl K. African Americans in Georgia: A Reflection of Politics and Policy in the New South. Macon: Mercer University Press, 2010. This collection of essays reflects on the legacy of racial segregation that remains in public policy, and how that impacts contemporary race relations.

McNair, Glenn. Criminal Injustice: Slaves and Free Blacks in Georgia's Criminal Justice System. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2009. Glenn McNair argues that the contemporary justice system in the state of Georgia is undeniably linked to its antebellum justice system that enforced slavery.

The Great Depression

Ferguson, Karen. Black Politics in New Deal Atlanta. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002. Karen Ferguson argues that Franklin Delano Roosevelt's new deal opened new opportunities for African Americans in Atlanta.

Giesen, James C. Boll Weevil Blues: Cotton Myth, and Power in the American South. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2011. James C. Greens argues that the idea of the boll weevil and the struggles it represented did more to change the South than the bug itself.

Lorence, James J. The Unemployed People's Movement: Leftists, Liberals, and Labor in Georgia 1929–1941. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2009. James J. Lorence explores the narratives of the Great Depression in Georgia, and uses archival records to argue that the Communist party played a larger role in subaltern struggles than previously thought.

Novotny, Patrick. This Georgia Rising: Education, Civil Rights, and the Politics of Change in Georgia in the 1940s. Macon: Mercer University Press, 2007. Patrick Novatny uses primary sources to consider the role that the governor's elections of the 1940s played in larger political movements of the decade.

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Civil Rights

Civil Rights & Liberties: Crash Course Government #23. Vol. 3. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbwsF-A2sTg&list=PL8d-PuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=23. Host Craig Benzine explains the difference between Civil rights and liberties. He goes on to discuss how Civil rights and liberties are outlined in the Constitution. Benzine also discusses the long history of protest movements related to the enforcement of liberties and rights.

Civil Rights and the 1950s: Crash Course US History #39. Video. Vol. 39. 48 vols. Crash Course US History. PBS Digital, 2013. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S64zRnnn4Po. Host John Green discusses the 1950s and the role that the Civil Rights movement played in that development. He focuses the narrative on the society that the CRM protested and the masses that moved to enforce equality.

Noblit, George W, ed. School Desegregation: Oral Histories Toward Understanding the Effects of White Domination. Breakthroughs in the Sociology of Education. Rotterdam: Sense Publishers, 2015. This book relies on oral histories from people who experienced desegregation and is aimed at countering other more traditional narratives.

Kruse, Kevin Michael. White Flight: Atlanta and the Making of Modern Conservatism. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2005. Kevin Kruse uses primary and secondary sources to support his argument that whites evacuated urban spaces during the reactionary period surrounding the Civil Rights Movement.

Grady-Willis, Winston A. Challenging US Apartheid: Atlanta and Black Struggles for Human Rights, 1960–1977. Durham: Duke University Press, 2006. Winston A. Grady-Willis relied heavily on archival sources to argue that Civil Rights were just part of the larger struggle for self determination and the fight against apartheid structures.

Civil Rights cont.

Brown-Nagin, Tomiko. Courage to Dissent: Atlanta and the Long History of the Civil Rights Movement. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 2011. Tomiko Brown-Nagin relies on primary and secondary sources to examine the breadth and depth of the Civil Rights Movement. Brown-Nagin argues that it included far more people than the typically acknowledged leaders of the movement, and sought more than just integration.

Boyd, Tim S. R. Georgia Democrats, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Shaping of the New South. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2012. Tim Boyd argued that the Democratic party in Georgia declined because of factional differences within the state's party, and not as a reaction to the Civil Rights Movement.

Native American History

These sources talk generally about Native American history in Georgia.

White, Max E. The Archaeology and History of the Native Georgia Tribes. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2005. http://www.loc.gov/catdir/toc/fy034/2002075505.html. Max E. White gives readers an explanation of decades of archaeological research related to the Native Peoples of Georgia.

Sophia's Schoolhouse: Prehistory Overview. Video. Sophia's Schoolhouse. Georgia Historical Society. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IRP1et93os. Host Elyse Butler gives a general overview of Georgia's precolonial Native American history.

Native American History cont.

Josephson, Judith Pinkerton. Why Did Cherokees Move West?: And Other Questions about the Trail of Tears. Six Questions of American History. Minneapolis, Minn: Lerner Publications, 2012. This juvenile book addresses common misconceptions and questions about the Trail of Tears and the Cherokee nation.

Black History

These sources look at the history of African Americans in Georgia stretching back to colonial times.

Slavery - Crash Course US History #13. Video. Vol. 13. 48 vols. Crash Course US History. PBS Digital, 2013. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ajn9g5Gsv98. Host John Green discusses the history of slavery in the United states. This video focuses on day to day lives of enslaved peoples, as well as forms of resistance, rebellion, and escape.

The 1859 Savannah Slave Auction: A Genealogy of People and Place by Dr. Kwesi DeGraft-Hanson. Video. Georgia Historical Society, 2014. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nq-_JPBAqbk. Taped lecture by Kwesi DeGraft-Hanson on the history of slavery in Savannah. Part of a series called Unearthing the Weeping Times that focused on the largest slave auction of Savannah's history.

Ferguson, Karen. Black Politics in New Deal Atlanta. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002. Karen Ferguson argues that Franklin Delano Roosevelt's new deal opened new opportunities for African Americans in Atlanta.

Black History cont.

Rovaris, Dereck Joseph. Mays and Morehouse: How Benjamin E. Mays Developed Morehouse College, 1940–1967. Silver Spring: Beckham House, 2005. Dereck Joseph Rovaris uses combines interviews with primary and secondary sources to tell the biography of Benjamin E. Mays.

McNair, Glenn. Criminal Injustice: Slaves and Free Blacks in Georgia's Criminal Justice System. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2009. Glenn McNair argues that the contemporary justice system in the state of Georgia is undeniably linked to its antebellum justice system that enforced slavery.

Women's History

These sources cover biographies of famous Georgia Women.

Ann Short, Chirhart. Georgia Women: Their Lives and Times. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2009. The essays in this volume stress the roles that women of Georgia played in the state's history.

Martin, Sarah Hines. Georgia's Remarkable Women: Daughters, Wives, Sisters, and Mothers Who Shaped History. 2nd ed., n.d. Sara Hines Martin uses primary and secondary sources to compile the biographies of many notable Georgia women.

Sophia's Schoolhouse: Gordon Family Papers. Video. Sophia's Schoolhouse. Georgia Historical Society, 2014. https://www.you-tube.com/watch?v=id_qslumhhM. Presenter reviews archival materials related to the Gordon family and the founder of the Girlscouts Juliette Gordon Low.

Sophia's Schoolhouse: Savannah's First Girl Scout Cookie Sales. Video. Sophia's Schoolhouse. Georgia Historical Society, 2014. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSiZHEEXv9w. Host explores archival records of the first girl scout cookie sales.

General Georgia

If you want to know some general facts about Georgia, these resources are a good place to start!

Dallmeyer, Dorinda G. Bartram's Living Legacy: The Travels and the Nature of the South. Macon: Mercer University Press, 2010. Dorinda G. Dallmyer examines the legacy and meaning of naturalist William Bartram's travels through the Southeast United States from 1739–1823.

Kurtz, Jane. Celebrating Georgia. 50 States to Celebrate, 2015. This book focuses on some of the extraordinary events that happened in Georgia's history.

Haywood, Karen Diane. Georgia. It's My State!, 2014. This book explores Georgia's history in an approachable way.

Owings, Lisa. Georgia. Blastoff! Readers Exploring the States 5, 2014. This book explores Georgia's history in an approachable way.

Prentzas, G. S. Georgia. America the Beautiful 3, 2014. This book explores Georgia's history in an approachable way.

McKay, John. Speaking Ill of the Dead: Jerks in Georgia History. Guliford, CN: GPP, 2012. John McKay gives a lighthearted look at infamous Georgians throughout history.

Ruppersburg, Hugh. The New Georgia Encyclopedia Companion to Georgia Literature. Athens: University of Georgia Press, n.d. A thoughtful introduction to native Georgian authors and fiction.

Morton, William J. The Story of Georgia's Boundaries: A Meeting of History and Geography. Atlanta, GA: Georgia History Press, 2009. An accessible examination of how Georgia got its shape.

Atlanta

Interested in learning some history of Georgia's Capitol city? These resources will help you on your way.

Burns, Rebecca. Atlanta Yesterday & Today. Lincolnwood IL: West Side Publishing, 2010. A photographic essay on Atlanta's cityscape through the years.

Cook, Rodney Mims. Atlanta's Parks and Monuments. Images of America. Charleston SC: Arcadia Publishers, 2013. Rodney Mims Cook takes a critical look at Atlanta's public spaces and their meanings.

Ferguson, Karen. Black Politics in New Deal Atlanta. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002. Karen Ferguson argues that Franklin Delano Roosevelt's new deal opened new opportunities for African Americans in Atlanta.

Crimmins, Timothy, and Anne Farrisee. Democracy Restored: A History of the Georgia State Capitol. Tim Crimmins and Anne Farrisee share their research in a comprehensive history of the Georgia State Capitol building in Atlanta, GA.

For Educators

Whether you are in a classroom or in your living room, these resources are for educators who want to give their students a leg up on history.

Mometrix Media LLC. Gace History Secrets Study Guide: Gace Test Review for the Georgia. Mometrix Media LLC, 2016. A guide for educators to the history section of the GACE test.

For Educators cont.

"Teaching Atlanta | Connecting Classrooms to Communities." Accessed May 14, 2020. http://teachingatlanta.org/. A compilation of lesson plans and activities tailored to upper level educators.

iCivics. https://www.icivics.org/. This website hosts games that explore how government works at multiple levels.

For Researchers

If you are new to doing historical research, these are some great guides for you!

Help! I've Been Assigned a Research Project. Part 1, What Is Historical Research? Video. Sophia's Schoolhouse. Georgia Historical Society, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ccs_IiRPRBO. A guide for researchers on how best to find primary and secondary sources.

Help! I've Been Assigned a Research Project: Selecting Your Topic. Video. Sophia's Schoolhouse. Georgia Historical Society, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCmFSaMimzc. A guide for researchers on how best to decide on a research topic.

How to Read and Learn From Maps. Video. Sophia's Schoolhouse. Georgia Historical Society, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHjMoYn9Hi4. A guide for researchers on how to use maps as primary resources in their writing.

Primary Sources on the World Digital Library. Video. Sophia's Schoolhouse. Georgia Historical Society, 2015. https://www.you-tube.com/watch?v=zcp-3uftH6o. A guide for researchers and educators on what sources are available through the World Digital Library.

GOVERN-MENT

These sources explain the ways that government works, and why it does what it does.

EXECUTIVE

The executive branch is in charge of making sure people follow laws, and ensuring that we have fair elections.

Bureaucracy Basics: Crash Course Government and Politics #15.

Video. Vol. 15. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-8EQAnKntLs&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=15 Host Craig Benzine explains the layers of authority commonly referred to as bureaucracies. According to Benzine bureaucracies operate as part of the executive branch and serve to divide up tasks to make government more efficient.

Judicial

The judicial branch decides whether or not laws have been broken.

Legal System Basics: Crash Course Government and Politics #18. Video. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXw-hEB263k. Host Craig Benzine explains generally how the judicial branch, full of lawyers and judges, works.

Judicial Decisions: Crash Course Government and Politics #22.

Video. Vol. 22. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjLcLguo-KC4&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=22. Host Craig Benzine discusses how the Supreme Court makes decisions.

Judicial

Judicial Review: Crash Course Government and Politics #21. Video. Vol. 21. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWYFwl93uC-M&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=21. Host Craig Benzine explains how the Supreme Court granted itself the power to review laws.

Sex Discrimination: Crash Course Government and Politics #30. Video. Vol. 30. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uFh4G-TZH-U&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=30. Host Craig Benzine discusses the ways the court uses intermediate scrutiny to construct guidelines for harassment and discrimination cases in the courts system.

Structure of the Court System: Crash Course Government and Politics #19. Video. Vol. 19. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-Gyx5UEwgtA. Host Craig Benzine explains how the Court system is structured, and the differences between each layer.

Legislative

The legislative branch is responsible for making the laws.

Congressional Committees: Crash Course Government and Politics #7. Video. Vol. 7. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evL-R90Dx79M&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=7. Host Craig Benzine explains Congressional Committes. He posits that Congress is the most important branch of government, and that committees serve to make Congress more efficient.

Legislative cont.

Congressional Decisions: Crash Course Government and Politics #10. Video. Vol. 10. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-T9ipQdYL-s&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=10. Host Craig Benzine explains how members of Congress make decisions. He argues that the three main factors are constituencies, interest groups, and political parties.

Congressional Elections: Crash Course Government and Politics #6. Video. Vol. 6. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxiD9AEX-4Hc&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=6. Host Craig Benzine explains Congressional elections and their importance in government.

Congressional Leadership: Crash Course Government and Politics #8. Video. Vol. 8. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8urc-MLGFyU&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=8. Host Craig Benzine explains the leadership roles in Congress. These include House and Senate majority leader and minority whip.

How a Bill Becomes a Law: Crash Course Government and Politics #9. Video. Vol. 9. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66f4-NKEYz4. Host Craig Benzine explains how a bill becomes a low in the US government.

The Bicameral Congress: Crash Course Government and Politics #2. Video. Vol. 2. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9defOwVWS8&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=2. Host Craig Benzine teaches about why the Congress has two houses (House of Representatives and Senate).

Constitutional Rights

These sources list and explain citizen's rights in the Constitution.

Due Process of Law: Crash Course Government and Politics #28.

Video. Vol. 28. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UyHWRX-AAgmQ&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=28. Host Craig Benzine discusses the 5th and 6th amendments to the Constitution and how they protect us when we're on trial or in court.

Equal Protection: Crash Course Government and Politics #29. Video. Vol. 29. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKK5KVI9_Q8&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=29. Host Craig Benzine explains the 14th amendment to the Constitution and how it relates to Americans' Civil Rights.

Freedom of Religion: Crash Course Government and Politics #24.

Video. Vol. 24. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-8dI1GTWCk4&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=24. Host Craig Benzine looks at the 1st amendment and how it allows Americans to practice their various religions.

Freedom of Speech: Crash Course Government and Politics #25.

Video. Vol. 25. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zeeq0qa-EaLw&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=25. Host Craig Benzine explains the ways the Constitution protects freedom of speech.

Constitutional Rights cont.

Search and Seizure: Crash Course Government and Politics #27.

Video. Vol. 27. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_4O1OlGy-TuU&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=27. Host Craig Benzine talks about the 4th amendment and how the Constitution protects us against searches and seizures of private property.

Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances: Crash Course Government and Politics #3. Video. Vol. 3. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obf3CwYCxXw&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeel-Trqvhrz8H&index=3. Host Craig Benzine discusses the powers each branch of government hold over the other, and how the legislative, executive, and judicial branch work together.

Elections

These sources explain how elections work in the United States.

Election Basics: Crash Course Government and Politics #36. Video. Vol. 36. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=48EZKXweG-Do&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=36. Host Craig Benzine explains how elections work in the United States.

Gerrymandering: Crash Course Government and Politics #37. Video. Vol. 37. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MnhFm5QV-VTo&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=37. Host Craig Benzine talks about how we decide where voting districts begin and end.

General

These resources explain larger issues in the US government.

Introduction: Crash Course U.S. Government and Politics. Video. Vol. 1. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrk4oY7Ux-pQ&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H. Host Craig Benzine explains generally how the US government functions.

Civil Rights & Liberties: Crash Course Government #23. Vol. 3. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbwsF-A2sTg&list=PL8d-PuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeelTrqvhrz8H&index=23. Host Craig Benzine explains the difference between Civil rights and liberties. He goes on to discuss how Civil rights and liberties are outlined in the Constitution. Benzine also discusses the long history of protest movements related to the enforcement of liberties and rights.

Constitutional Compromises: Crash Course Government and Politics #5. Video. Vol. 5. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC-Cmuftyj8A. Host Craig Benzine explains the compromises of the Constitution.

Federalism: Crash Course Government and Politics #4. Video. Vol. 4. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0gosGXSgsI. Host Craig Benzine explains how power in the US is divided between national and state government.

General cont.

Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances: Crash Course Government and Politics #3. Video. Vol. 3. 50 vols. Crash Course US Government and Politics. PBS Digital, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bf3CwYCxXw&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOfse2ncvffeel-Trqvhrz8H&index=3. Host Craig Benzine discusses the powers each branch of government hold over the other, and how the legislative, executive, and judicial branch work together.

The Constitution, the Articles, and Federalism: Crash Course US History #8. Video. Vol. 8. 48 vols. Crash Course US History. PBS Digital, 2013. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bO7FQsCcbD8. Video exploring founders' debates and discussions of the Constitution. Host John Green discusses major players involved, the politics of the young country, as well as influences on the founders. Explains articles and bill of rights.

iCivics. https://www.icivics.org/. This website hosts games that explore how government works at multiple levels.