

## **Social Studies Curriculum/Textbook Review**

The Nevada textbook rubric scoring system was used by the adoption committee to determine the alignment of each publisher to the Nevada Classroom Instructional Material Alignment, and Textbook and Instructional Material. If a publisher was not selected it was due to the committee scoring the textbook lower in areas of alignment to district curriculum, independent usability of the resource by the students, technology, layout and flow of the textbook, etc. It was through this process of scoring that the team selected Government Alive!: Power, Politics, and You by Diane Hart and published by TCI: Teachers' Curriculum Institute.

### Government Alive!: Power, Politics, and You: TCI: Teachers' Curriculum Institute

This text and online platform was selected for multiple reasons. It's manageable amount of content within a semester class is key. This course offers a comprehensive survey course developed for the semester. The online portions of the course are what really makes this textbook special. For the teacher, there are introductory videos on each unit for planning purposes as well as pacing suggestions and instructional strategies. For students, there are readings of secondary and primary sources of various lengths. Students add to an online notebook to capture their thoughts and processing of complex governmental issues throughout the course so their notes and learning is all in one place.

### Magruder's American Government: Pearson

This is a great text with a strong online platform. The main reason this text was not selected was the comparison of content for a semester course versus a full year for teaching government. Magruder's has a great layout of the course with comprehensive American Government components for a full-year survey course.

### United States Government: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

This textbook meets the majority of the criteria but the overall textbook and online resources were underwhelming. The text-based evidence questions and overall questions throughout did not seem rich, rigorous, or engaging for students. Therefore, this textbook was not selected.

### Govt 10: Cengage

This textbook did not offer any Spanish language support so we did not pursue a presentation with it. There were other constraints that gave pause such as a \$10 up charge on all student edition textbooks to get a hardcover. The teacher edition was not available at all in a hard cover. The overall layout of the textbook was good but the limits stated above made it unselectable.