



Governments

Unit Study for Grades 7-12

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Books

How to Use This Study

This unit study contains a list of resources and activities for you to use in your studies. Choose those that will best suit your students, time, and learning environment.

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Adapting to Other Ages

- For younger learners, focus on books about your own country's government and skip Animal Farm. While Root will be too difficult for most younger learners, you can easily simplify your play of Animal Empires to their understanding.

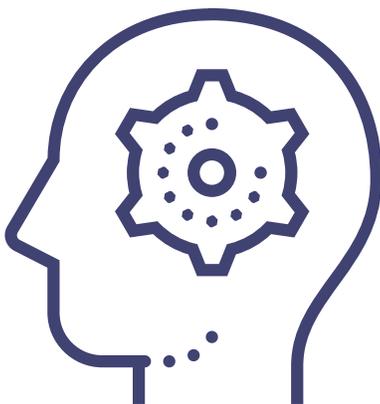
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Animal Farm

By George Orwell

- It is the account of the bold struggle, initiated by the animals, that transforms Mr. Jones's Manor Farm into Animal Farm--a wholly democratic society built on the credo that All Animals Are Created Equal, ultimately ending in totalitarian rule.
- Available on [SCRIBD](https://www.scribd.com)

The US Constitution and Other Important American Documents (No Fear)

By Spark Notes

- I recommend reading the comparable documents from your own country. The No Fear series of books includes a modern language translation of the documents to help with understanding.
- Available on [SCRIBD](https://www.scribd.com)



Games

Root

Leder Games

- Root is a game of adventure and war. Each player in Root has unique capabilities and a different victory condition.
- Available to Print and Play from [PNP Paradise](https://www.pnp-paradise.com) (Free)

Alternate Game Suggestions

- Twilight Struggle
- PolitiCraft
- Risk Legacy



Activities

Animal Empire Role Playing Game

By Half-Monster Games

- Play the sample adventure from the book, *The Descent of the Dragon*. It is a diplomatic adventure with players interacting with various kingdoms and governments.
- After each session in your campaign, discuss the interactions that occurred.
- Half-Monster Games has provided a free digital copy of [their RPG book here](#). Tell them thank you on Twitter @halfmonstergame.

Reading

- Choose one book to read aloud together.
- Have your students read the other book on their own.
- Have open discussions about the books as they are read.

Research Project

Research a country that has had a change in government. Write a research paper covering the following topics.

- Describe the type of government the country started with.
- Who wanted the government to change and why?
- Describe the type of government they changed to.
- How did that change work out for the country, the people in charge, and the citizens of that country?



Posts from AnM Gameschool

Are you wondering what a role playing game is or why they are such fantastic educational tools? You can find out more about them in [this blog post](#).

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POLITICAL SYSTEMS 101: Basic Forms of Government Explained

By LibertyPopTV on YouTube

- The video covers the basic forms of government in a short overview.
- Have open discussion about their narrowing down of the types of government. Do you agree?

Animal Farm Film Analysis

- Watch the film of *Animal Farm*
- Discuss the similarities and differences between the movie and the book.
- Available on [YouTube](#).

Activities for Root

- Write a short story relating the events of the game as if they actually happened.
- Discuss the various animal factions and what types of government each might represent.
- What are the positives and negatives of each faction?