

Study Guides

Georgia Constitution and Government:

Government Overview

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/topics/government-overviews>

Review: "Government and Laws: Overview"

Constitutional History

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/topics/constitutional-history>

Review: "Georgia Bill of Rights" and "Georgia Constitution"

Local Government in Georgia

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/topics/local-government>

Review: "Home Rule and Ordinances," "Local Revenue Sources," "Municipal Services," "Georgia's City Governments," and "Georgia's County Governments."

State Government

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/topics/state-government>

Review: "State Revenues in Georgia," "Capital Budgeting and State Debt," "State Budgeting," "Public Authorities and Public Corporations," "Executive Branch Officials: Overview," "Executive Branch: Overview," "Governor," "Secretary of State," "Lieutenant Governor," "Judicial Branch: Overview," "Supreme Court of Georgia," "Court of Appeals of Georgia," "Georgia General Assembly," and "Legislative Process: Overview."

Political Issues

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/topics/political-issues>

Review: "Election Structures and Reform" and "Campaign Finance Laws"

U.S. Supreme Court cases

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/topics/us-supreme-court-cases>

Review: "Gregg v. Georgia (1976)" and "Furman v. Georgia (1972)"

U.S. Constitution and U.S. Government:

Federal government of the United States

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_government_of_the_United_States

Review: all of the article, focusing on the three branches of the U.S. Government & Elections and Voting

Constitution of the United States

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitution_of_the_United_States

Review: The seven articles of the Constitution of 1787, Judicial Review, and the 27 amendments (you do not need to memorize each amendment, but try to focus on Amendments 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 26, and 27.

Bill of Rights

(Amendments 1-10 of the U.S. Constitution):

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Bill_of_Rights

Focus on the basics of the Bill of Rights, including guarantees for individual liberties, such as protections for criminally accused individuals.

Three Branches of U.S. Government:

Ignore the history overview in these pages; rather, focus on "nuts and bolts" of how these branches operate.

-The Congress [legislative branch]:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Congress

-The President of the U.S. [executive branch]:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_the_United_States

-Judicial Branch of the U.S. Government, including the U.S. Supreme Court & Judicial Review [laid out in Article III of the U.S. Constitution]:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Article_Three_of_the_United_States_Constitution

Federalism

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federalism_in_the_United_States

Understand the concept of federalism in the U.S.

Elections in the United States:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elections_in_the_United_States

Focus on political changes and political realignment.

Political Parties in the United States:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_parties_in_the_United_States

Focus on the two-party system in current U.S. politics.

Classical Liberalism

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classical_liberalism

Focus on individualism and John Locke

Gerrymandering and Redistricting

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerrymandering_in_the_United_States

Focus on the concepts of redistricting and gerrymandering in U.S. politics

Campaign finance in U.S. Elections

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campaign_finance_in_the_United_States

Focus on general concept

Foreign Policy of the United States

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_policy_of_the_United_States

Focus on "Cold War" and "NATO"