



Texas Government Table of Contents

Globalyceum's Texas Government by Jennifer Danley Scott was specially designed for professors who may have solid American Government background but may not have much expertise in Texas Government. Yet you have been assigned to teach a Texas Government class and need to get ready. It is difficult to teach an interesting class and get up to speed on the subject. Scott has worked with many such professors and has put together a great classroom package to make the teaching of Texas Government easier for you and more interesting and fun for your students.

- Readings are clear and concise, tailored to freshman and sophomore student reading levels, as well as reading chunked and well-illustrated for better understanding..
- They are accompanied by question banks of 24 questions rated at four difficulty levels so that you can tailor quizzes to student ability levels. There is a one-to-one correspondence of each question to the key terms and phrases located at intervals in the text to encourage student study skills. You can select the difficulty level of your quizzes.
- In addition to the digital text, we include at no additional charge a digital primary source manual with 18 active learning lessons, one to three for each week of your class. Activities include a context-building background, primary source or data, Analyze the Evidence activity, and critical thinking quiz poll for the classroom or at-home critical thinking quiz about the activity. The activities are designed
 - To promote in-depth study of critical as well as chronic issues for Texas
 - To align with SLOs (student learning objectives) for the Foundational Component Area of Political Science and Government.
- Professor Scott is also building a poll bank of 24 polls that you can use in class to engage students in discussions of the issues presented in the chapters.
- And if you want to develop and customize your own active learning lessons, Globalyceum also has question-, poll-, and discussion board-making functionalities.

Overview of Texas Government

Chapter 1: History and Culture of Texas

Reading: History and Culture of Texas

- The Road to Statehood
- Republic and Statehood
- Political Culture

Activities:

- Demographics and Ethnicities
- Urban vs. Rural

- New Arrivals

Polls

Chapter 2: Constitutions

Reading: Constitutions

- State Constitutions
- First Five Constitutions
- The Current Constitution

Activities:

- Sam Houston and the Texas Unionists
- Amendments Big and Small in the 1876 Constitution

Polls

Chapter 3: Local Government

Reading: Local Government

- Texas Counties
- Texas Municipalities
- Special Districts

Activities:

- Gentrification and East Austin
- Disappearing Open Spaces and Houston

Polls

Chapter 4: Legislature

Reading: Legislature

- Representatives and Districts
- Organization of the Legislature
- Legislative Process

Activities:

- Where's the Pork?: Cutting the Texas Budget
- Your Place in the Texas Government

Polls

Chapter 5: Executive

Reading: Executive

- Roles of the Governor
- Limits and Informal Powers of the Executive
- Requirements, Terms, and Removal

Activities:

Weak Texas Governor?

Polls

Chapter 6: Bureaucracy

Reading: Bureaucracy

- Features of the Bureaucracy

- The Big Four (Cabinet Positions)
- Other Commissions in the Plural Executive

Activities:

- The Size of the Texas Bureaucracy

Polls

Chapter 7: Judiciary

Reading: Judiciary

- Understanding Jurisdictions
- Details of the Texas Courts
- Judicial Requirements and Selection

Activities:

- Texas Justice and Exonerations
- On Death Row

Polls

Chapter 8: Political Parties, Elections, and Campaigning

Reading: Political Parties, Elections, and Campaigning

- Political Parties
- Elections
- Campaigns and Money

Activities:

- Texas Census 2020

Poll

Chapter 9: Redistricting, Gerrymandering, and Voting

Reading: Redistricting, Gerrymandering, and Voting

- Redistricting
- Gerrymandering
- Voting in Texas

Activities:

- Registering, Voting, and Politics in Texas

Polls

Chapter 10: Interest Groups

Reading: Interest Groups

- Interest Groups
- Types of Interest Groups
- How Interest Groups Work

Activities:

- The Oil Boom and West Texas

Polls

Chapter 11: State and Local Finance

Reading: State and Local Finance

- State Taxes and the State Budget
- The State Budget
- Local Taxes and Local Budgets

Activities:

- Texas Taxes: Who Pays?

Polls

Chapter 12: Policymaking

Reading: Policymaking

- Policy Cycle
- Social Policy
- Texas-Sized Challenges and Issues

Activities:

- The Texas Miracle?

Polls