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# Pennsylvania 10 Government / Civics – Alternate Sequence

**FREE PREVIEW**

Full-Year Teacher Planner, Blank Editable Planner & School-Submission Binder

This preview shows the real structure and a genuine sample of the completed planner. The full product contains 9 units, 36 weekly plans and 180 daily plans, plus blank editable versions of every form.

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| State            | Pennsylvania                                                                |
| Grade            | 10 (High)                                                                   |
| Subject          | Government / Civics – Alternate Sequence                                    |
| Course category  | Social Studies                                                              |
| Standards family | Social Studies                                                              |
| Framework        | Civics and Government and Reading and Writing in History and Social Studies |
| Issuing agency   | Pennsylvania Department of Education                                        |
| Scope            | 36 instructional weeks · 180 instructional days · 9 units                   |

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## What you get

| Folder                  | Contents                                                                                          |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01 START HERE           | Read-me, contents, printing and digital instructions, standards verification guide, this preview  |
| 02 FILLED FULL YEAR     | Completed planner in colour and ink-friendly PDF, plus editable DOCX                              |
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| 04 ASSESSMENTS AND DATA | Baseline observation, quarterly rubrics, anecdotal forms, portfolio checklist                     |
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## Week 9 — Committees and Where Policy Is Made

### Unit 3: How a Law Is Actually Made · Month 3 · Quarter 1 · Semester 1 · Instructional Days 41–45

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| Essential question | Where does a bill actually get decided?                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Standards          | <b>Committees and Where Policy Is Made</b> -> <b>5.3.12.A How Government Works</b> — Analyze and evaluate the structure organization and operation of the local state and national governments including domestic and national policy-making |
| Learning target    | "I can identify the types of congressional committee and explain what each does."                                                                                                                                                            |
| Local dates        | _____ (enter your school dates)                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

### Measurable objectives

- Students will identify the types of congressional committees and explain their roles in policy-making.

### Success criteria (student-friendly)

- "I identify standing, select, joint and conference committees."
- "I explain each type's role in policy-making."
- "I explain why most bills die in committee."

### Academic vocabulary

standing committee, select committee, joint committee, conference committee, subcommittee, jurisdiction, markup, hearing

### Materials and technology

- Notebooks
- Supplied material on committee structure
- Blank grids

### Differentiation and supports

| Support area            | This week's plan                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Special education / IEP | Reduce group size; pair visual cue cards with all verbal directions; allow gesture or picture response in place of speech; pre-teach the week's target in a 1:1 warm-up.                               |
| Section 504             | Provide the child's documented accommodations throughout; permit movement breaks and alternative seating at any point in the sequence.                                                                 |
| Multilingual learners   | Introduce each vocabulary word with an object or image; accept home-language responses; send the vocabulary list home where a translation is available; pair with a peer who shares the home language. |
| Advanced / extension    | Ask the learner to teach the skill to a peer, extend the task, or record a demonstration for the class reference wall.                                                                                 |
| Intervention / reteach  | Reteach the target in a short small group using the same materials; split the day's check for understanding into two smaller steps.                                                                    |

| Support area | This week's plan                                                                 |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Enrichment   | Extend into an open-ended centre or project connected to the essential question. |

**Assessment and evidence**

Student identifies committee types and explains their policy roles.

**Family communication**

Ask your child where most bills die.

# Day 41 — Four Types

Week 9, Day 1 · Unit 3 · Standards: 5.3.12.A

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Focus             | The taxonomy.                                                                                                            |
| Learning target   | "I can identify the types of congressional committee and explain what each does."                                        |
| Vocabulary in use | standing committee, select committee, joint committee, conference committee, subcommittee, jurisdiction, markup, hearing |
| Local date        | _____                                                                                                                    |

## Learning sequence

Connect: 'committee' covers several different things. Teach: STANDING committees are permanent and hold jurisdiction over a policy area; SELECT committees are created for a specific purpose, often investigation; JOINT committees draw from both chambers; CONFERENCE committees reconcile differing House and Senate versions of the same bill. Subcommittees divide the work further. Try: shared classification of supplied examples. Apply: students identify all four types with an example each. Reflect: the type tells you what it is for.

## Check for understanding

Student identifies the four committee types with examples.

## Differentiation in the moment

| If the learner...  | Then...                                                                   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| needs more support | Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.     |
| is ready for more  | Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.     |
| is dysregulated    | Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later. |

## Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

## Teacher reflection (fictional example)

*Fictional Example — Customize and Verify Before School Submission.*

Most learners met the target. Two needed the visual cue repeated during guided practice; I will pre-teach with them tomorrow. The extension held attention longer than planned, so I shortened closure.

# Day 42 — Jurisdiction and Referral

## Week 9, Day 2 · Unit 3 · Standards: 5.3.12.A

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Focus             | How bills are assigned.                                                                                                  |
| Learning target   | "I can identify the types of congressional committee and explain what each does."                                        |
| Vocabulary in use | standing committee, select committee, joint committee, conference committee, subcommittee, jurisdiction, markup, hearing |
| Local date        | _____                                                                                                                    |

### Learning sequence

Connect: which committee gets it matters enormously. Teach: bills are referred by subject to the committee holding jurisdiction, and because committees differ in composition and disposition, referral can decide a bill's fate before anyone has read it - which is why jurisdiction is fought over. Try: shared reasoning about supplied referral cases. Apply: students explain why referral matters and predict for three supplied bills. Reflect: an early procedural decision is often the substantive one.

### Check for understanding

Student explains referral and why committee jurisdiction matters.

### Differentiation in the moment

| If the learner...  | Then...                                                                   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| needs more support | Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.     |
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### Closure and reflection

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### Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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## Day 43 — Hearings and Markup

Week 9, Day 3 · Unit 3 · Standards: 5.3.12.A

|                   |                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Focus             | What committees do.                                                                                                      |
| Learning target   | "I can identify the types of congressional committee and explain what each does."                                        |
| Vocabulary in use | standing committee, select committee, joint committee, conference committee, subcommittee, jurisdiction, markup, hearing |
| Local date        | _____                                                                                                                    |

### Learning sequence

Connect: the work itself. Teach: committees hold HEARINGS to take evidence and build a record, and MARKUP sessions to amend a bill line by line - which is where most of the actual drafting happens and where interest groups from Unit 7 exert most influence. A bill that emerges from markup may differ greatly from the one referred. Try: shared examination of supplied committee material. Apply: students explain both processes and their effects. Reflect: the floor vote is on the committee's bill, not the sponsor's.

### Check for understanding

Student explains hearings and markup and their effect on legislation.

### Differentiation in the moment

| If the learner...  | Then...                                                                   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| is ready for more  | Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.     |
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### Closure and reflection

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### Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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## Day 44 — Why Most Bills Die Here

Week 9, Day 4 · Unit 3 · Standards: 5.3.12.A

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Focus             | The filter.                                                                                                              |
| Learning target   | "I can identify the types of congressional committee and explain what each does."                                        |
| Vocabulary in use | standing committee, select committee, joint committee, conference committee, subcommittee, jurisdiction, markup, hearing |
| Local date        | _____                                                                                                                    |

### Learning sequence

Connect: the great majority never leave committee. Teach: committees are a filter, and inaction is the commonest outcome - no vote is required to kill a bill, only the absence of one. That makes committee chairs and the leadership who appoint them very powerful, and it means 'introduced' says almost nothing about a bill's prospects. Try: shared analysis of supplied figures. Apply: students explain the filter and what it implies about reading news of an introduced bill. Reflect: doing nothing is a decision here.

### Check for understanding

Student explains the committee filter and its significance.

### Differentiation in the moment

| If the learner...  | Then...                                                                   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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### Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

### Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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## Day 45 — Explaining the Role in Policy-Making

### Week 9, Day 5 · Unit 3 · Standards: 5.3.12.A

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Focus             | The week's product.                                                                                                      |
| Learning target   | "I can identify the types of congressional committee and explain what each does."                                        |
| Vocabulary in use | standing committee, select committee, joint committee, conference committee, subcommittee, jurisdiction, markup, hearing |
| Local date        | _____                                                                                                                    |

### Learning sequence

Teach: the explanation covers the types, jurisdiction and referral, hearings and markup, and the filtering effect - showing that committees are where policy is made rather than merely reviewed. Try: shared drafting. Apply: students write and file the explanation. Reflect: next week follows a bill through all of it.

### Check for understanding

Student explains committee types and their policy-making role.

### Differentiation in the moment

| If the learner...  | Then...                                                                   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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### Closure and reflection

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### Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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