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A unique new bibliography that helps teachers and students -- particularly at the high school level -- find information about government topics. The selected books reflect a variety of scholastic levels, but avoid works that are beyond the level of most high school students, or works that rely heavily on statistical methods. The entries are organized in a classified arrangement by topics that appear in most high school government textbooks. Each entry lists the title, author, year of publication, page count, and publisher and also provides a brief description of the book. This comprehensive guide to Congress is ideal for anyone who wants to know how Congress really works, including federal executives, attorneys, lobbyists, media and public affairs staff, government affairs, policy and budget analysts, congressional office staff and students. - Clear explanation of the legislative process, budget process, and House and Senate business - Flowcharts for legislative and budget processes - Explanation of the electoral college and votes by states - Glossary of legislative terms - Relationship between budget resolutions and appropriation and authorization bills - Amendment tree and amendment procedures - How members are

assigned to committees - Agenda for early organization meetings (after election, before adjournment) - Sample legislative documents with explanatory annotations - Bibliographic references throughout. Everyone blames Congress; no one explains it. Congressman David Price, noted scholar and former professor of political science, is uniquely qualified to guide us through the labyrinth of rules, roles, and representatives that is Congress and to show us how the institution can and does function to solve some of the most pressing social problems on the national political agenda today. In an election year filled with name-calling, teeth-gnashing, and Congress-bashing, it is refreshing to hear Price discuss what it means to simultaneously serve his constituency, his country, and his strong personal convictions about good government. As students of the political process, we are instructed in campaign strategy and finance, the advantages and disadvantages of incumbency, how to get a legislative project off the ground, the intricate House committee and subcommittee system, the tortuous route a bill travels to become law, and the strong role of parties in Congress. As voters and constituents, we are treated to firsthand accounts of election campaigns fraught with negative ads, town meetings on Medicare, fierce budget battles on the floor of the House, and persistent efforts on behalf of individual North Carolinians. And as citizen-philosophers, we are drawn into an extended consideration of the complex interrelationships among politics, religion, and ethics. In this context, David Price looks at a variety of issues—the conscientious allocation of housing funds, the correlation between legislative structure and the quality of legislative policy, the confrontation between

the public interest and special interests, and the maneuvering of the religious Right—through an introspective lens of moral concern. Congressman David Price shares invaluable insights into debates on such topics as campaign finance reform, congressional term limits, and controlling the federal deficit. At the same time, he imparts a personal glimpse into life “on the Hill” and its impacts on family, friends, and constituents. Congress, as Price is quick to point out, is certainly not without flaws, but the system will be better served by informed voters, committed representatives, and measured reforms than by ill-considered proposals that would weaken the institution. The Congressional Experience combines an engaging, enlightening narrative with photos, figures, maps, and tables to tell the story of David Price’s odyssey from the ivory tower of Duke University to the citadel of Capitol Hill. Along the way, we get a clear sense of the challenge, disappointment, elation, and deep concern implicit in serving as a member of Congress—especially the kind of member David Price has chosen to be. According to the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (IRTPA), National Intelligence and the term ‘intelligence related to national security refer to all intelligence, regardless of the source from which it is derived and including information gathered within or outside the U.S., that: Pertains, as determined consistent with any guidance issued by the President, to more than one U.S. Government agency; and That involves: Threats to the U.S., its people, property, or interests; The development, proliferation, or use of weapons of mass destruction; or Any other matter bearing on U.S. national homeland security. The U.S. Government uses

intelligence to improve and understand the consequences of its national security decisions. Intelligence assists policy decisions, military actions, international negotiations, and interactions with working-level contacts in foreign countries. In some circumstances, it can also aid homeland security providers and first responders." Reading Essentials and Study Guide (English and Spanish): Reinforce critical concepts from the text and help students improve their reading-for-information skills with this essential resource, written 2-3 grade levels below the Student Edition Offers guidance to public employers and employees in North Carolina on the law governing the employment relationship. Primarily intended as an explanation of the law, not a policy guide. Examines topics such as the employment-at-will doctrine and its exceptions; employment discrimination claims; recruitment and selection; discipline and discharge; constitutional issues in employment; the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Family and Medical Leave Act; the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act; public records; and public official liability. The book contains sample personnel policies in the appendixes, including a new sample policy on drug and alcohol testing. Today's political climate has Americans on both sides of the aisle frustrated and looking for new advocacy tools and change. Many want to take action but don't because the process is too confusing and intimidating...until now. Right to Petition is an easy to follow how-to guide that puts the power back into the hands of the people, empowering readers with impactful knowledge and tools including: 40+ sample Congressional asks Common advocate mistakes (and how to avoid them) Networking and timing strategies

Real-life case studies outlining what works, what doesn't and why You'll walk away with a deeper understanding of how Congress works and a strong strategic plan for success. Right to Petition is for advocates, activists, and concerned citizens with any level of experience and a passion for sparking change. "The tips I share are actual advocacy secrets from Capitol Hill," says author Nicole Tisdale. "They are the tools staffers and Members of Congress have used and seen hi-powered lobbyists use to get movement and tangible results. My goal is to make Congress understandable and accessible to all." Individuals and grassroots organizations interested in becoming involved in petitioning their government will discover essential information on the techniques and laws to lobbying in this clear and enlightening guide. New lobbyists will learn how to best craft and direct their messages so that their concerns will be heard, make congressional contacts, get the most out of letter-writing campaigns, generate press, give campaign contributions, and even get invited to testify before congressional committees. This resource details the most recent lobbying laws, including the Federal Election Campaign Act amended in 2002, as well as a list of appropriate gifts to give to a member of Congress or their staff. This revised edition contains updated chapters and resources that will ensure that neophyte lobbyists will have the most up-to-date information when lobbying their government. Reading Essentials, Student Edition provides concise content of the Student Edition written at a lower grade level, making it perfect for struggling readers and ELL students. This guide contains basic information to help you settle in the United States and find what you and

your family need for everyday life. It also summarizes important information about your legal status and about agencies and organizations that provide documents or essential services you may need. The simplest way to get to grips with the American political system American Politics For Dummies is an engaging and accessible guide to the inner workings of the U.S. government, cutting through the political jargon, to give you the facts. The book begins with the basics, including government structure and processes, and later covers current events that make the news. The world of American politics can be bewildering to anyone not born and bred in the U.S.A. This plain-English guide is perfect whether you are a student or simply fascinated by the world's most powerful democracy. From the electoral process to 'special relationships', you discover all you need to know with American Politics For Dummies. • The birth of America - find out about the emergence of the US, from the ideas upon which America was founded to the creation of the US Constitution • Go government - understand the powers of the President, how Congress operates, the function of the Supreme Court and how US laws are created and passed • Party on - discover the ins and outs of elections and political parties, from the electoral process and the two-party system to the voting behaviour amongst Americans • One nation, many identities - get to understand the workings of a truly multicultural society • All the world's a stage - grasp the grand strategy of the US to understand why the nation acts as it does in international politics 2014 kicks off the latest round of U.S. Congressional election and marks the beginning the 2016 Presidential election cycle. There will be headlines, there will be

debate and there will be news. If you're looking to keep up and understand it all, American Politics For Dummies is a great place to start. Despite the significant control government exerts over Americans, few understand its organizational structure and the roles of its various departments and offices. For people to gain the full benefits of government programs and avoid the snares lurking among government bureaucracy and arcane regulations, they must clearly understand the powers and functions of each part of the government. Encyclopedia of Federal Agencies and Commissions is a comprehensive guide to the various branches of the federal government, making information about them readily available and accessible. Clearly written entries cover all branches of the federal government as well as the history and inner workings of the agencies that function under them. Coverage includes: The executive branch The legislative branch The judicial branch Independent entities and commissions Quasi-official agencies. This new Vault guide provides an inside look at the opportunities available in government, public affairs, and politics in the nation's capital. The memoirs of Robert Parker are filled with revealing anecdotes about Washington personalities. Every American's owner's manual for Washington D.C., our functionally dysfunctional seat of government. How is legislation crafted? How do you lose an election? What do "bundler," "quorum call" and "omnibus" mean? Why do some of the White House's most important meetings occur at a Starbucks? Why are Washington insiders obsessed with something called Jumbo Slice? What, exactly, is a "skintern?" Eliot Nelson, one of Washington's funniest and most admired young

journalists, knows how the sausage factory works and The Beltway Bible is every citizen's must-have owner's manual. Arranged from A to Z, The Beltway Bible provides an insider's perspective of politics and government, breaking down both into easily-digested entries on subjects like how legislation is formed, the scope of the president's power, and an overview of federal agencies. Nelson also looks at D.C.'s less-well-known power structures: the internal pecking order of White House aides, the high school cafeteria power struggles behind party invites and the petty congressional arguments over how highway on-ramps are named. The Beltway Bible makes our complex government accessible in a way that will please everyone from Jon Stewart to John Doe. Reading Essentials, Student Edition provides concise content of the Student Edition written at a lower grade level, making it perfect for struggling readers and ELL students. Reading Essentials and Study Guide (English and Spanish): Reinforce critical concepts from the text and help students improve their reading-for-information skills with this essential resource, written 2-3 grade levels below the Student Edition Authors Hill (social policy, emeritus, U. of Newcastle) and Hupe (public administration, Erasmus U., Rotterdam, The Netherlands) provide an accessible account of the development of implementation studies. They review the literature on the subject, relating it to contemporary developments in thinking about governance, stressing the continuing importance of a focus upon implementation processes. Throughout, strategies for future research on implementation and for the management of implementation processes are stressed. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc.,

Portland, OR In The Georgia State Constitution, Melvin Hill Jr. offers a detailed description of the creation and development of Georgia's constitution. He explains how political and cultural events, from colonial times, through the Civil War, to the present, have affected Georgia's constitutional law. Accompanying the full text of the constitution is Hill's rich commentary of the constitutional provisions. He traces their origins and interpretation by the courts and other governmental bodies. This volume also provides a bibliographical essay which features the most important sources of Georgia's constitutional history and constitutional law. Previously published by Greenwood, this title has been brought back in to circulation by Oxford University Press with new verve. Re-printed with standardization of content organization in order to facilitate research across the series, this title, as with all titles in the series, is set to join the dynamic revision cycle of The Oxford Commentaries on the State Constitutions of the United States. The Oxford Commentaries on the State Constitutions of the United States is an important series that reflects a renewed international interest in constitutional history and provides expert insight into each of the 50 state constitutions. Each volume in this innovative series contains a historical overview of the state's constitutional development, a section-by-section analysis of its current constitution, and a comprehensive guide to further research. Under the expert editorship of Professor G. Alan Tarr, Director of the Center on State Constitutional Studies at Rutgers University, this series provides essential reference tools for understanding state constitutional law. Books in the series can be purchased individually or as part of a complete set, giving readers unmatched access to

these important political documents. In presenting the ideal skills, abilities, and qualities of a successful politico, The Capitol Hill Playbook speaks to today's generation of staffers like no other book before it. Weaving together Renaissance-era political philosophies and contemporary illustrations, Nicholas Balthazar enlists the help of Niccolò Machiavelli, author of the venerable political treatise The Prince, and Baldassare Castiglione, author of The Book of the Courtier—the authoritative account of Renaissance court life—to demonstrate two models of political life and their applicability today. Balthazar offers readers a path between these two methods, exploring the mechanics of working for elected officials but also discussing the philosophies behind contemporary political work. The Capitol Hill Playbook answers all the questions a newly hired staffer might want to ask: • Why do politicians run for office? • Why is devotion so important in politics? • Why must a staffer be a good communicator? • Why are friendships such an essential and elusive part of political life? • How do you win a political knife fight? • Why should a political staffer never wear a bow tie to the office? • And more! A provocative and informative read, The Capitol Hill Playbook will be indispensable to any political aspirant and, with an intriguing look back to the Renaissance, reveals how politics today has both changed and remained the same through the centuries. Bail yourself out with employment opportunities. In these turbulent times when private corporations are in trouble, the employer that seems to be offering the most stable employment opportunities is the public sector. With The Complete Idiot's Guide® to Getting Government Jobs, readers will learn how to navigate the

government application process to find stable employment opportunities available from county municipalities as well as state and federal agencies. ?Includes advice on drafting resumes suited to the specific requirements of the hiring agency ?How to complete the appropriate application most effectively ?Methods of marketing an applicant's skills in the government sector ?Search tools for government job websites Cyberpolitics goes beyond the hype to analyze the content of political discussion on the Internet and to see how the Internet is being used politically. Empirical research translated into dozens of graphically compelling figures and tables illuminates for the first time Internet characteristics heretofore only speculated about: Who are the "cybercitizens" using the Internet, how do they participate in the political process, and who uses the Internet most effectively to accomplish political ends? The disillusionment of scholars and nonscholars alike who conclude that democracy in the United States has failed calls for an innovative examination of our democratic processes. Kim Quaile Hill, arguing that these critics have been too hasty in their judgment, presents the first comprehensive assessment on the extent of achieved democratization. He examines the range of representative democracy in the states by comparing them on the key components of democracy indicated in empirical democratic theory?equal rights to vote, competitiveness among political parties, and the degree of mass participation. Building on empirical democratic theory and scholarship in comparative state politics, Hill follows the tradition of prominent cross-national studies to develop this intranational analysis of democratic processes. These analyses

provide considerable evidence that the states vary substantially in the extent to which they approximate the democratic ideal. Hill begins with an evaluation of each of the primary components of democracy and how states fulfilled them. He also replicates this analysis for the late 1940s and the early 1980s, two periods chosen for their historical distinctiveness in terms of legal regimes relevant to democracy in the states. The preceding analysis results in comprehensive measures of democracy in the states. For readers skeptical of gauging such a complex concept as democratization, Hill provides an empirical demonstration of the validity and reliability of the measures. And, for critics who still ask "Does democracy deliver the goods?", he presents strong evidence that more-democratic states adopt more equitable policies for citizens' welfare and ensure a greater range of civil rights than do less-democratic states. "This guide examines the role of restoration of public services within the broader context of stability operations. The extent to which public service reconstruction takes place depends on the mission, the level of resources, and the host country context. This paper provides guidance helpful to U.S. peacekeeping personnel in planning and executing stability operations tasks related to restoration of public sector services and infrastructure. It is designed to supplement existing and emerging guidance, and is specifically relevant to addressing the needs of public sector rebuilding in a post-conflict situation by peacekeeping forces. The material presented here draws both from theory and analytic frameworks and from on-the-ground experience of practitioners."--P. [v] Organized logically and structured for maximum usability, The McGraw-Hill

***Guide to Acquiring and Divesting Businesses* guides you step-by-step through the merger and acquisition process. Each chapter begins with basic information for readers new to the field or who want to refresh their recollections. The chapter then progresses to intermediate and advanced subjects and finally provides references to sources where readers can obtain further information. Whether you are knee-deep in an ongoing deal, becoming involved in the initial stages of a purchase or acquisition, or just need to prepare for the future, *The McGraw-Hill Guide to Acquiring and Divesting Businesses* will be your most useful M&A reference source. Inspiring, nonpartisan insider's advice on how anyone can build a career in local, state, and national government, from two rising stars in Washington government and policy. This inspiring, nonpartisan guide, written by longtime staff members of Republican and Democratic house leadership teams provides all the hard-won secrets and strategies you need to build a career in local politics or Congress, make a difference, and ascend from an internship to leadership. With practical tips on how to not only land a job but also create the foundation for a lasting and impactful career in public service, this guide will empower anyone who feels the urge to improve this country with meaningful work. *An Essential Guide to American Politics and the American Political System* by Kenneth Hill clarifies many of the trends influencing American politics today. You will find in this book a clear analysis of the underlying structure of the American political system, emerging trends, and enduring problems. The book analyzes both continuity and change in American politics and the interaction between the two. Voters, to take one**

example, now have multiple sources to gather and evaluate political information. The result is often confusion rather than better understanding. Policies adopted by nations around the world now impact the American voter in both positive and negative ways. The policies of other nations now in part determine rates of employment in the United States. The question of equality and equal opportunity has become increasingly controversial as the gap between social classes continues to widen. Much more than in the past, more Americans are now questioning the ability of the American political system to successfully deal with current challenges. Americans are losing confidence in their leaders and institutions. The optimism that has long been a characteristic of the American people is vanishing as problems go unsolved often because of petty political differences. Our two political parties no longer produce the leaders they once did. Kenneth Hills book is an essential guide to better understand the challenges confronting the American political system---and the possibility of success or failure. This guide is designed to further U.S. military understanding of the critical nation-state building role that U.S. forces play during stability operations. It focuses on the military's role in rebuilding and establishing a functional, effective, and legitimate nation-state; one that can assure security and stability for its citizens, defend its borders, deliver services effectively for its populace, and is responsible and accountable to its citizens. It provides a comprehensive approach to planning and implementing a program to rebuild governance by U.S. peacekeeping forces during stability operations. Recognizing that the extent of U.S. Government and

military involvement is determined by the mandate, the mission, the level of resources and most importantly, the host country context, this guide provides options and trade-offs for U.S. forces in executing these operations. The Rationale for Federal Involvement -- Program Scoring, Justification, and Other Issues -- Questions for Chapter 10 -- Discussion Items for Chapter 10 -- Appendix: Federal Credit and Insurance Program Summary -- 11. The Budget and the Economy: Each Affects the Other -- The Economy's Effect on the Budget -- The Budget's Effect on the Economy -- Standardized vs. Cyclical Budget -- Issues- Did the Stimulus Measures do their Job? -- The Business Cycle vs. the Political Cycle -- Conclusions -- Questions for Chapter 11 -- Discussion Item for Chapter 11 -- 12. The Budget and Government Performance: Will Making the Government more Efficient Save Lots of Money? -- "The Budget and Government Performance" Comprises several Discrete Issues -- Some Historical Background -- The Challenges Facing Congress and the Executive Branch -- The Bottom Line -- Question for Chapter 12 -- Discussion Items for Chapter 12 -- 13. Federalism and the Budget: Washington and the States: the 1 Trillion Puzzle -- Federal Assistance-some Historical Context -- Federal Assistance Today -- The Federal Budget's Impact outside Washington Extends beyond Intergovernmental Assistance -- Using Intergovernmental Assistance to Help Achieve Federal Goals -- Unfunded Mandates -- Preemption-What's that All About? -- The Bottom Line -- Questions for Chapter 13 -- Discussion Items for Chapter 13 -- 14. Controlling the Budget in a Partisan Environment -- What is the Problem with the Budget? -- The Short-term Budget

Dilemma -- The Long-term Budget Dilemma -- Efforts to Balance the Budget-a Review -- The Budget Control Act of 2011 and the Breakdown of the Budget Process -- The Bottom Line -- Discussion Items for Chapter 14 -- Appendix: Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security: What are They? -- Notes -- Appendix 1 -- Appendix 2 -- Bibliography -- Index. A simple and straightforward guide to the American political system, 'American Politics for Dummies' is an engaging and accessible treatise on the inner workings of the US government which cuts through the political jargon to give you the facts. "We all know the government taxes our income. Federal, state, and local taxes are withheld by employers, as are Social Security payments. But what about the many other ways the government covertly drains money from our wallets? Have you studied your cell phone bill? Customers in New York State pay an average of 24.36% in combined taxes on their wireless bills. They're also charged for obscure services they didn't ask for and don't understand, like a universal service fund fee, an FCC compliance fee, a line service fee, and an emergency services fee. These aren't taxes, strictly speaking. The government imposes these administrative and regulatory costs, and your wireless provider passes them along to you. What about your cable bill? Your power bill? Your trash bill? The cost of groceries, a gallon of gas, a cab ride, a hotel stay, and a movie ticket are all inflated by hidden fees. How much of what you pay at the grocery store, pump, airport, or the box office is really an indirect tax? In a series of short, pointed, fact-laden, humorous chapters, Kristin Tate exposes how up to half of your income is siphoned straight into federal, state, and city government coffers--and also where these hidden

taxes and fees come from."--Dust jacket.

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