



## Commons - Engaging Tomorrow's Leaders

*Commons - Digital Town Square™* brings concepts of American Government and civic engagement to life with primary sources, engaging videos and exciting games. Covering topics ranging from the Bill of Rights to the branches of government, this course introduces students to the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, preparing them for a life of participation.

*Commons* can be integrated into unit plans and used during class time, as a capstone project, or in a flipped classroom.

**Recommended Grade Level:** 8-10

**Total Modules:** 10 (20-25 minutes each)

**Total Time:** 4-5 hours

**Subject Fit:** Social Studies or ELA

**Standards Alignment:** National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies, Common Core English, State Academic Social Studies and ELA

### Key Highlights

As a teacher, you receive:

- Real-time student score reports on your teacher dashboard
- Supplemental, offline lesson plans
- Detailed standards alignment guide with your state-specific standards
- Answer Keys for all assessments
- Engaging discussion guides

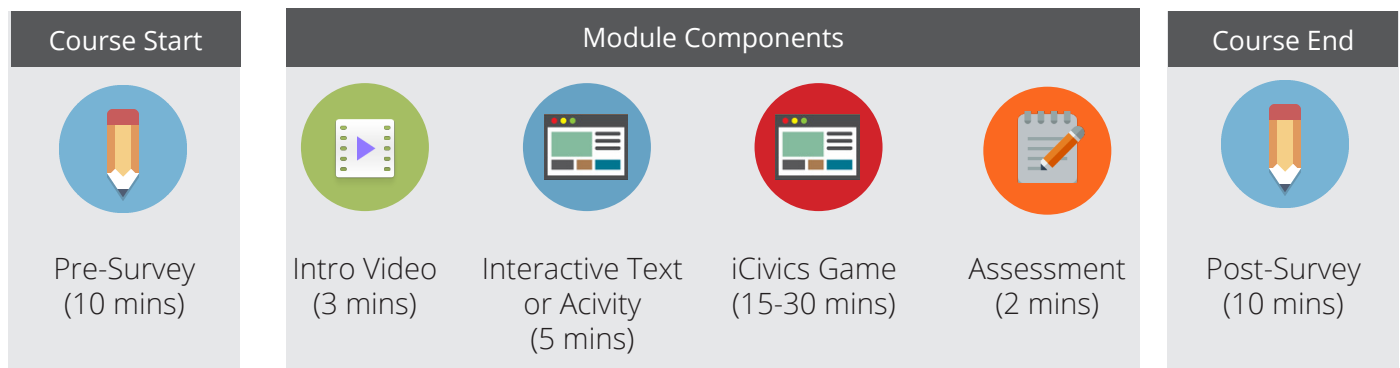
Your students will receive:

- Knowledge that will help them appreciate the value of civic engagement
- Guided practice in persuasive writing
- Immersive, interactive learning experience
- Real-time feedback



*Getting to Know the Cabinet Activity*

### Commons Course Flow



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# EVERFI Course Elements

Pedagogy based on the **Universal Design for Learning (UDL)** and **Teach for Understanding (TFU)** frameworks:



Engaging multi-media content for all types of learners



Pre, post, and formative assessments for evidence-based learning



Certificate-based skill development

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## Select Course Modules

### *Know Your Rights*

The principles of freedom in America were first codified in our Bill of Rights. This module introduces students to the founding texts and principles of American democracy, and helps students understand what individual liberties are guaranteed to them.

### *Media Matters*

Sometimes called the fourth branch of government, the media influences the public and political sphere in many ways. Part of being a good citizen is being an informed one. In this module, students learn about the ethical guidelines of journalism and how to spot specious information.

### *Build an Op-Ed*

As a final capstone activity, students take what they've learned from the course to write an op-ed piece on a topic of their choice. From outline to conclusion, students are guided through the composition and revision of a thoughtful, persuasive essay.



*My Rights activity*

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### Course Module Topic Areas:

- Rights of US Citizens
- Structure of US Government
- Elections and Voting
- Juries and the Courts
- Persuasive Writing and Debate
- Taxes and Budgets
- Duties of Elected Officials

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