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The Political Process	Campaign Advertising * Can I Vote for President? • Congressional Redistricting: Drawing the Line The Controversial History of the Electoral College * Debate Watching Guide * The District of Columbia Voting Rights Movement * Ethical Questions Gender and the Presidency: Is America Ready for a Woman President? History of Scandals and Negative Campaigns The Line-Item Veto Political Campaign Roles * Political Culture and Socialization Primaries and Caucuses * Selecting a President Part 1: Primaries and Caucuses * Selecting a President Part 2: The Nominating Conventions * Special Interest Groups and Political Action Committees: Influences on the Political Process * Supreme Choice: Process and Politics of Presidential Nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court * Third Parties in American Politics * The Trouble with Elections: Is Public Financing the Answer? * The Vice-Presidency: Choosing a Running Mate *
The Presidency	The Power of the American Presidency: Hail to the Chief The Presidency on Trial: Assessing the Limits of Presidential Power Selecting a President Part 1: Primaries and Caucuses * Selecting a President Part 2: The Nominating Conventions * The Vice Presidency: Choosing a Running Mate * War and Peace: Whose Power Is It?
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A Call to Action	Fight for Your Right * Mini Module #3: Voting: What is it and does it matter? • Significance of Individuals to a Movement * The District of Columbia Voting Rights Movement *