Study Guides

Georgia Constitution and Government:

Government Overview
https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/topics/government-overviews
Review: "Government and Laws: Overview"

Constitutional History
https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/topics/constitutional-history
Review: "Georgia Bill of Rights" and "Georgia Constitution"

Local Government in Georgia
https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/topics/local-government
Review: "Home Rule and Ordinances," "Local Revenue Sources," "Municipal Services," "Georgia's City Governments," and "Georgia's County Governments."

State Government
https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/topics/state-government

Political Issues
https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/topics/political-issues
Review: "Election Structures and Reform" and "Campaign Finance Laws"

U.S. Supreme Court cases
https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/topics/us-supreme-court-cases
U.S. Constitution and U.S. Government:

Federal government of the United States
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_government_of_the_United_States
Review: all of the article, focusing on the three branches of the U.S. Government & Elections and Voting

Constitution of the United States
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitution_of_the_United_States
Review: The seven articles of the Constitution of 1787, Judicial Review, and the 27 amendments (you do not need to memorize each amendment, but try to focus on Amendments 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 26, and 27.

Bill of Rights
(Amendments 1-10 of the U.S. Constitution):
Focus on the basics of the Bill of Rights, including guarantees for individual liberties, such as protections for criminally accused individuals.

Three Branches of U.S. Government:
Ignore the history overview in these pages; rather, focus on "nuts and bolts" of how these branches operate.

-The Congress [legislative branch]:

-The President of the U.S. [executive branch]:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_the_United_States

-Judicial Branch of the U.S. Government, including the U.S. Supreme Court & Judicial Review [laid out in Article III of the U.S. Constitution]:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Article_Three_of_the_United_States_Constitution

Federalism
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federalism_in_the_United_States
Understand the concept of federalism in the U.S.

Elections in the United States:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elections_in_the_United_States
Focus on political changes and political realignment.

Political Parties in the United States:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_parties_in_the_United_States
Focus on the two-party system in current U.S. politics.

**Classical Liberalism**
Focus on individualism and John Locke

**Gerrymandering and Redistricting**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerrymandering_in_the_United_States
Focus on the concepts of redistricting and gerrymandering in U.S. politics

**Campaign finance in U.S. Elections**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campaign_finance_in_the_United_States
Focus on general concept

**Foreign Policy of the United States**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_policy_of_the_United_States
Focus on "Cold War" and "NATO"