

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: COURSE SYLLABUS

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"Just because you do not take an interest in politics
 doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you."
 -Pericles

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT COURSE OVERVIEW

GOVERNMENT COURSE DESCRIPTION	GOVERNMENT INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK	GOVERNMENT CLASS WEBSITE
<p>AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS AN INTERACTIVE, INTERDISCIPLINARY CONTENT COURSE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS INCLUDE <u>MACGRUDER'S AMERICAN GOVERNMENT</u>, AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CLASS WEBSITE, POWERPOINT AND A VARIETY OF INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES STRUCTURED TO MEET MULTIPLE LEARNING STYLES. DOCUMENTARIES AND FILMS ARE USED TO SUPPORT INSTRUCTION TO VISUALLY REINFORCE THE CONTEXT AND PERIOD DYNAMICS. THE FILM PERMISSION SLIP MUST BE SIGNED TO PARTICIPATE IN FILMS.</p>	<p>IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, ALL ACTIVITIES ARE COMPLETED IN THE INTERACTIVE REFLECTIVE NOTEBOOK ORGANIZED BY UNIT AND NUMBERED. YOU MAY USE YOUR NOTEBOOK ON THE UNIT TEST. WE WORK COLLABORATIVELY ON ACTIVITIES IN CLASS SO THAT IS WHEN WE ARE DEVELOPING ACCURACY. IT IS THE EXPECTATION THAT YOU WILL USE CLASS TIME APPROPRIATELY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ACCURACY AND COMPLETE ACTIVITIES. IF THIS IS ACHIEVED, YOU WILL NOT HAVE HOMEWORK OUTSIDE OF CLASS. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CREATED FOR SKILL AND CONTENT DEVELOPMENT. AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH UNIT, YOU WILL RECEIVE A UNIT CHECKLIST AND ALL HANDOUTS FOR THE UNIT, DUE DATES FOR THE NOTEBOOK AND THE UNIT TEST DATE.</p>	<p>IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, ALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK ARE POSTED IN ADVANCE BY DATE IN SLIDE AND PDF FORM. YOU CAN PRINT OUT HANDOUTS, SEE INSTRUCTIONS TO ACTIVITIES, CHECK DEADLINES AND COMPLETE EXTRA CREDIT. GIVEN THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETE ACCESS TO ALL CLASS MATERIALS IN ADVANCE AND POSTED BY DATE, IT IS EXPECTED THAT YOU WILL CHECK THE WEBSITE WHEN YOU ARE ABSENT OR WORK AHEAD IF YOU KNOW YOU WILL BE ABSENT SO THAT YOU DO NOT FALL BEHIND. SEE THE GOVERNMENT WEBSITE HANDOUT FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCESS AND USE THE WEBSITE FOR OUR CLASS.</p>
EXPECTATIONS	GRADING POLICY	SUPPLIES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BE PRODUCTIVE 2. BE RESPECTFUL 3. BE RESPONSIBLE 4. NO FOOD AND DRINK IN CLASS 5. NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES UNLESS PERMISSION IS INDICATED OTHERWISE. <p>PARTICIPATION POINTS ARE EARNED BY FOLLOWING EXPECTATIONS.</p>	<p>GRADES ARE BASED ON TOTAL POINTS CONVERTED TO PERCENTAGES: ASSESSMENTS 30%, ACTIVITIES & ASSIGNMENTS 40%, PARTICIPATION 10% FINAL EXAM 20%. LATE WORK IS ACCEPTED ONE DAY LATE FOR 50% CREDIT.</p>	<p>SPIRAL NOTEBOOK, PAPER, PENS, PENCILS, COLORED PENCILS, GLUE STICK, MARKERS</p>
<p>I LOVE HISTORY AND POLITICS! SOME PEOPLE MAY SAY HISTORY AND POLITICS ARE BORING. I SAY WE LIVE THE INTENDED AND UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF HISTORY AND POLITICS EACH DAY. SOCIETY IS THE WAY IT IS BECAUSE OF THE POLICIES AND DECISIONS OF THE PAST. I HAVE VERY HIGH EXPECTATIONS BECAUSE WE HAVE MUCH TO EXPLORE AND PART OF MY OVERALL OBJECTIVE IS TO STRENGTHEN SKILLS YOU WILL NEED BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL. YOU WILL LEARN A GREAT DEAL, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER.</p>		