

**U.S. Government: Democracy in Action
2011-2012**

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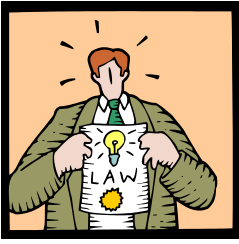


The eagle represents strength in the face of adversity. It is a strong bird that flies above storms and strong winds. You are an eagle and, if you study, can fly above any adversity. You can be successful if you stick to the task and do the very best that you can. Let's have an eagle experience this semester!

Let me know what I can do to make you successful in this class.

I am PG

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Rules for student behavior:

1. Attend school on a regular basis—**You can't learn if you are not here.**
2. Be on time and prepared for class on a daily basis-**You need to hear it.**
3. Bring all necessary supplies to class on a daily basis-**Ink does not flow from fingers.**
4. Be courteous to other course participants at all times—**No one wants a grouch around.**
5. Be prepared to record notes daily from textbook, board, overhead, or teacher lecture-**You came to participate!**
6. Be cooperative with teacher and other students-**Join us!**

SEVERE DISRUPTION DURING CLASS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REFERRAL TO THE HALL PRINCIPAL!

Other Procedures:

1. Only use dark blue or black ink on assignments or a #2 pencil.
 - a. (Failure to do so will result in a subtraction of 10 points per assignment.)
2. All homework, class work, quizzes, projects and tests must contain the first and last names of the student, as well as the date and title of the assignment.
 - a. (Failure to do so will result in a subtraction of 10 points.)
3. Incomplete work will be graded accordingly. That grade will be better than a zero.
 - a. (Please don't summarily ask for extended time unless you have Guidance permission with a 504 plan.)
4. Students leave classroom only with permission of the teacher. Use the closest bathroom to this classroom which is over on the front hall of Wing A.
5. Sharpen pencils at beginning of class and discard trash at end of class.
6. In the event of a fire drill, please carry purses or other valuables with you outside and stay with me because I have to account for your presence.
7. When testing, cheating is seeking answers from another's paper as well as providing answers for another's paper and will result in a grade of zero.
8. Writing notes, texting, or talking to other students during class time is discouraged.
9. Late work is not taken—just because you failed to do your assignment on time.
 - a. (If it is taken, it must be only 2 days late. **If the instructor decides** to take work that is later than 2 days, your grade will be no more than a 70 irrespective to what you actually make.)
10. Keep heads OFF desk. You cannot sleep during this period.

Use your syllabus to make any changes in the lesson plans and assignments. The *Last Word* will be on the *Weekly Schedule board* in the classroom. This information will help you keep up in class. The Daily Itinerary will be on the front board. It tells you what we will be doing on that particular day and in that particular class. I will not hasten on with the printed lesson plan if we need to review some concept or use a different strategy to teach the concept to you.

Thank you & let's have fun!!!

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Instructional notes: All assigned readings should be done *prior* to entering class. You are encouraged to read and answer section questions in your textbook. This *may or may not* be checked for a grade. You will not be given an opportunity to routinely complete homework during instructional time. Any down time (at end of block) is to be used to review notes, assigned work, or complete special reading assignments. Use it wisely!

Instructional materials: You will be issued *one* textbook and provided with a folder in which to place all graded papers. You must purchase a thick spiral notebook or purchase a loose leaf three-ring binder for the purpose of taking notes. You will need a #2 pencil for the scantron answer sheets if and when they are used for tests. You will need a dark blue or black writing ink pen or a #2 pencil. I will not struggle to read your writing. **Any and all assigned materials may be used on your evaluations whether or not we cover them in class.**

Grading:

The weighted grading system is used in this class. I have already had the appropriate administrator check my computer settings to make sure they are working properly. Grades will usually be posted on Friday or Monday of each week.

- 15% **Classwork:** meaningful classroom discussions, AV activities, vocabulary, book and other seat work, all minor group work.
- 20% **Homework:** any work assigned overnight such as vocabulary, book work, special current event articles and summaries, etc.
- 5% **Quizzes & Pop Tests**
- 25% **All major tests (i.e. unit and multiple chapters) and major group assignments, usually from Library.**
- 30% **Major 6 to 9 week projects. ANY LATE PROJECTS WILL HAVE 10 POINTS A DAY SUBTRACTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**
- 10% **Final Exam-**this will cover any and everything taught or assigned in this course. It will be given at the end of the 9 week period. If you have an average of 90 and are a senior, you may exempt the final exam. All other persons will be required to take the exam.

Final Note: I will **not** have all period discussions about how many additional points you think you deserve. You may come after school to discuss any work I have graded if the discussion lasts over 2 or 3 minutes.

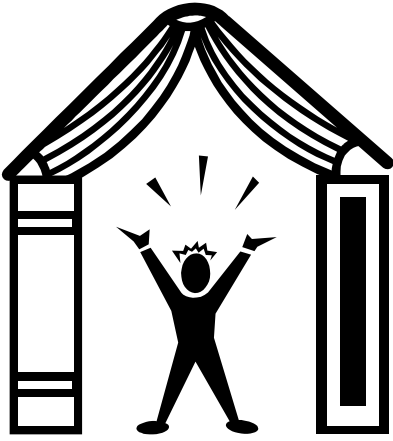
Let's have a little fun. It goes beyond the printed page, look at the news and let's have some intelligent discussions. "To whom much is given, much is required!"

(Specific class instructions are placed on the dry erase board under daily Itinerary. The week schedule is placed on the side board.)

Find a colleague (Class Buddy) who will help you keep up with class notes if you are absent. If the weekly schedule says something different from the syllabus, please follow the weekly schedule.

Parents,

After reading the above pages, Please sign and return the notification slip to me within one week.



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 Personal Contact Hours: 3:40 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
 Or leave a message

Parent Notification Slip

I have read the rules and classroom instructions and understand they will be used with my student.

*PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SIGN UP FOR **PowerSchool!!!!***

I will notify you twice per nine week period unless your child is experiencing difficulties in this course. At that point, I will notify you more often. **Guidance will help you and your parents sign up on PowerSchool!!** Use it to keep up with your student's grades!!!! If you wish to contact me, please leave an email message or phone message. I will contact you prior to leaving school at 4:00 P.M.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Class Block: _____ Date: _____

1st Semester Schedule:

- 1st Block---Honors American Government
- 2nd Block—Honors American Government
- 3rd Block---Planning
- 4th Block—American Government

WEEK OF OCTOBER 10-OCTOBER 14, 2011

Mon. 10/10	Student presentations worksheets will be used as evaluation.
Tues. 10/11	Study & Review Day Exam Study sheets MUST be completed by this date for us to have a review.
Wed. 10/12	Review Sheets for Final Government Exam Exam Study sheets will be graded.
Thurs. 10/13	Final Exam & Review
Fri. 10/14	Final Exam & Review

I believe you will do quite well during this semester. Let's work hard and have a very good year.

Thanks

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