Government Syllabus

School: *Garfield High*

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Course:  Government (6757)

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In this course, students will apply knowledge gained in previous years of study and personal experience to pursue a deeper understanding of how American Government works and how it compares to systems in other societies. This course prepares students to vote, to reflect on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and to participate in community services.

**Course Goals**

1. Knowledge and understanding of the functions of Government
2. Democratic understanding and civic values
3. Skills attainment and social participation/How to be a productive Citizen

**Course Objectives**

1. Meet the Historical-Social Science standards for American Government
2. Develop Vocabulary to understand and disseminate; laws, the Constitution, Citizenship, etc.
3. Understand how government affects their lives and the lives of others
4. Articulate ideas orally in small and large group settings

**Method of Instruction**

Students will work individually, in small groups, and one and one with the teacher to complete a schedule of assignments aligned to the American Government standards.

**Assignments**

Students will cover 9 units of study. Specific chapter assignments will be posted and reviewed as a class. Students will be expected to complete Current Events, class notes, video notes, and short video quizzes and study guides. There will also be a U.S. Constitution Project required.

**How to Earn a Credit**

* Complete textbook chapters with a grade of 70% or better
* Complete class notes
* Satisfactorily complete Current Events
* Complete short video quizzes and related study guides with a grade of 70% or better
* Complete Constitution project
* Complete video notes

**Evaluation**

Grades are based on the quality of work. 90% or better is an A; 80% or better is a B; 70% or better is a C. Work that is not 70% or better must be redone.

**Semester Breakdown**

Week 1: CREATION OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

Week 2: THE CONSTITUTION

Week 3: PROJECT WEEK

Week 4: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Week 5: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Week 6: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

Week 7: THE 50 STATES; LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Week 8: CITIZENSHIP

Week 9: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE WORLD

**Classroom Rules:**

**All Garfield School Rules apply plus the following:**

* **When the teacher or a classmate is addressing the group, listen respectfully and raise your hand if you want to respond.**
* **During independent work time and group activities, all talk must be accountable talk. Accountable talk refers to talk directly related to the activity.**
* **Do not remove school property from the classroom without permission. THIS INCLUDES TEXTBOOKS.**
* **Sites visited on the internet must be directly related to the assignment. No music downloads or email.**
* **ABSOLUTELY NO ipods, phones, electronic devices or hats are allowed out during class time.**

Note: If you need any help with your work outside of our classroom time just see me and we will schedule a time.