

GOVERNMENT SYLLABUS

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EXPECTATIONS

- Be flexible. Be prepared. Be courteous. Be thoughtful. Be active.

POLICIES

- Use the bathroom during breaks. If you must go during class, adhere to the hand signal, and go quickly and quietly (softly open and shut the door!) if given permission.
- Make sure your cell phones are silenced and put away unless first asking permission to use for school purposes only.
- Don't let me see (or hear) your food, drink, or gum.

MATERIALS

- Notebook: You will need to bring your notebook everyday to class. Your notebook will be checked regularly and turned in at the end of the semester. Your notebook should only be used for my class and should meet the following specifications:
 - Spiral bound; 8 1/2 x 11; 3 or 5 subject; College ruled; Three hole punched
- Three Ring Binder: You need space in a large three ring binder to keep handouts, papers, Mock Congress manual, etc. This will be checked and graded occasionally for organization and completeness.

GRADING

- Mock Congress (25% of First Semester Grade)
 - Bill Research and Writing Assignments (15%)
 - Mock Congress Participation (10%)
- Government (75% of First Semester grade)
 - Homework / Classwork 30%: Type your homework unless otherwise noted. Typed work must be on a white 8 1/2 x 11 paper with one inch margins all around. Double space work and use twelve inch, Times New Roman font. Late work will be accepted at 1/2 off on the first day and after that will not be accepted.
 - Tests 25% : If you are legally absent on a day of a test, you will have an opportunity to complete a different and possibly more difficult makeup test at the next Thursday after school. If the test is not made up at this time you will receive the same percentage as you receive on the final for the missed test. The second missed test not made up will receive an F grade.
 - Final 20% of total government grade.
 - Extra Credit: There will be no extra credit but bonus points may be offered for excellent attendance and participation.

ABSENCE / TARDY POLICY

- If you are legally absent you need to do two things:
 - Find out from google drive or a classmate what was missed, handed out, or assigned. Ask me if you cannot get the proper information or materials.
 - Upon returning to class, turn in any assignment that was due on the day of your absence. (If you miss more than one day, then you will be given an extra day(s) to turn in work.)
- NOTE: If you are truant or unexcused you cannot turn in any work that was due that day, or make up any work completed on that day.
- ANOTHER NOTE: You will be marked tardy if you are not sitting in your desk with your notebook out when the bell rings at the beginning of class.