U.S. GOVERNMENT

SYLLABUS

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1. The book required for this class is: MAGRUDER’S: AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
2. Each day current events are due for a certain number of students. The day your current events is due is determined by the row in which you sit. A total of 8 current events are due for each nine week period. Current events must relate to government either at the local, state, national, or international level.
* Current events must be turned in at the start of class; current events may not be turned in late.
* You may be asked to locate the location of your current event on a map.
* Current events count as a homework assignment.
* Current events must be completed on a current event sheet.
* Current events must be from a written source with a copy of the article turned in with the current event.
* State a Core Democratic Value being represented in the article either positive or negative.
1. There will be a seating chart.
2. Test and quizzes count for 40% of your grade, homework and other assignments count for 40%, a daily grade counts for 10% and a final exam counts for 10%.
* A daily grade consists of the following: showing up to class on time, coming to class prepared (books, homework, pen-pencil, etc.), and proper behavior in class.
1. You are expected to come to class prepared. Homework and other assignments that are due are to be handed in on time. Homework and other assignments may be turned in one day late for one half of the points that is earned on the assignment.
2. If you are not in class on the day of the test you will need to make the test up on your own time. You will not be permitted to take the test during class time. Make-up test may be different from the original. Make-up test need to be completed within one week from the day you return.
3. A study guide will be given for each chapter.
4. There will be homework and reading assignments. There is always a chance of a quiz especially after a reading assignment. Most quizzes will be announced.
5. Questions for each test will be taken from reading assignments, homework assignments, lectures, study guides or any other assignments or class work.
6. GRADING SCALE: A=94+, A- = 93-90, B+ = 89-87, B = 86-83, B‑ = 82-80, C+ = 79-77, C = 76-73, C- = 72-70, D+ = 69-67, D = 66-63, D- = 62-60, E = 59 and below.
7. Units that will be covered in this course are the following:

-Government and our Lives

 -The History of Governments and the Forms of Government.

 -The Federal System of Government

 -The Constitution

 -The Executive Branch, The Legislative Branch, The Judicial Branch.

 -The Election Process

 -Political Parties

1. ARTICLE REPORTS:

Three Article reports will be required for the twelve week marking period. Your report should be on an article from a current news magazine (Time, Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report). The article should somehow relate to U.S. Government. The Paper should be between two and half and three pages (not including the title and basic information). The paper should follow MLA format. The Article Report must follow a form that will be given out in class.

DUE DATES: 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_