

Government and Citizenship Disclosure Document 2011

Teacher: Kiersten G. Holt Text Book: *United States Government: Democracy in Action*
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Course Description

Welcome to Government and Citizenship! Whether you know it or not, this class is one of the most important you will take in your high school career, as the things you learn will be applicable throughout the rest of your life as a citizen of the United States of America.

Class Materials-BRING EVERY CLASS PERIOD!!!!

1. Pencil or Pen (Blue or black ink only)
2. *United States Government: Democracy in Action* (Bring your book EVERY DAY for book check points)
3. Folder or binder (This will be used to keep handouts and assignments)
4. Spiral Notebook in which to keep your class journal

Political Journal **10%**

At the beginning of every class period there will be a task written on the board for you to complete. These tasks will include, but are not limited to: quote responses, analyzing political cartoons, brainteasers, etc. Ten points will be awarded per day for thoughtful completion of each entry. Political Journals will be graded and recorded on test days.

Current Events **10%**

Throughout the semester, you get the opportunity to report on current events. In fact, you get to this nine times! Each current event is worth twenty-five points. For more information regarding current events, see your Current Event Requirements handout.

Assignments **30%**

Most assignments will be done during class time. If you are in attendance and pay attention, you should have no problem earning high points in this category. *You will need to bring your Government textbook every period in order to complete the assignments.* Do not come to class without it!

Quizzes **25%**

You will be given notification for most of your quizzes, however there may be a few pop quizzes throughout the term. Quizzes will be based off class lecture and notes. Re-takes will not be given for quizzes.

Tests **25%**

Each unit will end with a test. Tests will be free response type questions. Students will be notified at least one week in advance of the test date. You may study the notes you take in class in order to prepare for the tests. Re-takes will not be given for tests. If you miss the day of a test, unless the absence is a school excused activity or sickness (doctor approved), you lose an automatic ten percent from your total test score. You will continue to lose ten percent every day until you make up the test. (If you are three days late taking the test, that equals 30% off the total test score). You only have one-week maximum to make up the test. An exception pass may not be used to make up a test if you miss the one-week window.

Grading

A	95-100	B-	80-82	D+	67-69
A-	90-94	C+	77-79	D	63-66
B+	87-89	C	73-76	D-	60-62
B	83-86	C-	70-72	F	0-59

Late/Missed Work

Late work will be accepted for each unit until the day of the test. Once the test has been given for a specific unit, you may no longer turn in late work from that unit. In order to turn in late work and receive full credit for the assignment, you will be given an exception pass that offers you three late work chances. However, these same three chances are also your only hall passes. Once your three chances are gone, you will not be allowed to turn in late work or use a hall pass. Do not lose your exception pass; under no circumstance will a new one be issued to you!

Work missed because of an excused absence will be due one week from the student's return for full credit without the use of an exception pass. After one week the student will be required to turn in an exception pass with the missed homework. If you will be missing class because of a school excused activity, you will still be required to turn in the work due that day. You will also be given one week to make up missed work for full credit.

Extra Credit

Opportunities for extra points will be announced throughout the term. In order to qualify for extra credit points, you must have turned in all of your assignments, Historian's Journal entries, quizzes, tests, and projects. Extra credit will only be accepted until the test of each unit or the week before the term ends.

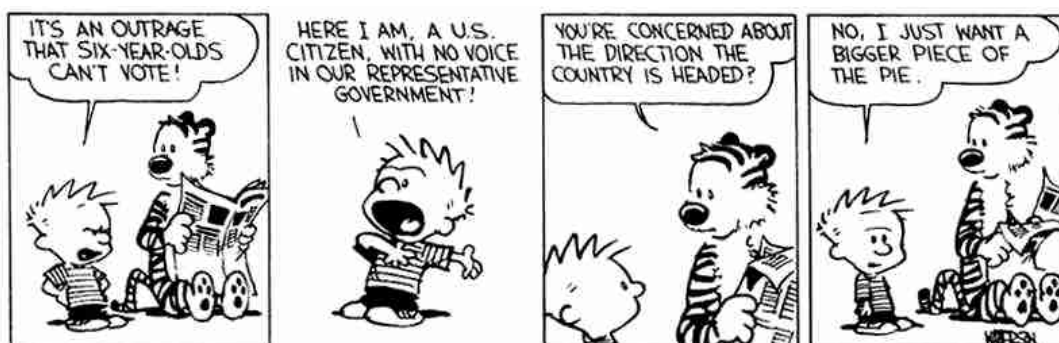
Cell Phones and iPods

IT IS NOT OK TO HAVE YOUR CELL PHONE OR IPOD ON DURING CLASS. MAKE SURE TO PUT THEM AWAY BEFORE ENTERING THE ROOM. CONSIDER THIS YOUR ONLY WARNING. THE FIRST TIME THEY ARE SEEN THEY WILL BE CONFISCATED AND YOU MAY ONLY PICK THEM UP WITH A PARENT AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY IN THE FRONT OFFICE!!!

Open Door

I have an open door policy, meaning you may come at any time before or after school to discuss your grades or ways to improve your learning in the classroom. I arrive at school at 7:15 am and stay until 3:00 pm every day. Please come talk to me if you have questions or concerns. If you cannot meet before or after school during those times, please schedule an appointment with me. The best way to contact me is by email.

All policies and procedures outlined by American Fork High School, such as the Dress Code and Attendance Policy will be strictly followed. These policies are found in the American Fork High Student Handbook



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American Fork High School complies with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Therefore, no student shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment.

***I have read and understand all the policies and procedures outlined in Mrs. Holt's Government and
Citizenship Disclosure Document 2011.***

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Student Signature	Date	Parent or Guardian Signature	Date

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Student Print Name	Parent or Guardian Print Name

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