

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT/CIVICS 1

Course Description

This course will take students through a journey of American Government. The journey begins with a trip through Washington, D.C. and the White House. Students will then explore the process of becoming a citizen, including the responsibilities of participating in a democracy. From there, students will learn about the purpose and structure of government and take a detailed look at some of our Founding Fathers and their contributions to building our nation. Students will learn about The Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, as well as the three branches of government established by the Constitution. Finally, students will learn about the Bill of Rights and the amendment process. Throughout the course, students will have the opportunity to explore and reflect on their core beliefs regarding democracy, our government, and how our government works. This course will culminate with a Final Exam.

Prerequisite

None

Credit Requirement Area

Social Studies

Learning Objectives

- Students will examine the U.S. Constitution and Amendments.
- Students will investigate issues of immigration.
- Students will explore the writers of the Constitution.
- Students will differentiate between the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.
- Students will examine how government works and the amendment process.

Suggested Weekly Schedule

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
1	Assignment 1: Grading Policy	Monday of Week 1	33.3%
	Assignment 2: Portfolio Assignment	Wednesday of Week 1	33.3%
	Assignment 3: Exploring Washington, D.C.	Friday of Week 1	33.4%
Week 1 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
2	Assignment 1: Becoming an American Citizen	Wednesday of Week 2	50%
	Assignment 2: Reflections on Immigration	Friday of Week 2	50%
Week 2 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
3	Assignment 1: Writers That Influence Our Government	Monday of Week 3	33.3%
	Assignment 2: Chart Comparing U.S. Government	Wednesday of Week 3	33.3%
	Assignment 3: Constitution Research Questions	Friday of Week 3	33.4%

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
Week 3 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
4	Assignment 1: Jefferson Memorial Quiz	Wednesday of Week 4	50%
	Assignment 2: Governments at Work	Friday of Week 4	50%
Week 4 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
5	Assignment 1: Bill of Rights Quiz	Monday of Week 5	25%
	Assignment 2: The Amendment Process	Tuesday of Week 5	25%
	Assignment 3: Equal Right Amendment	Thursday of Week 5	25%
	Assignment 4: You Propose an Amendment	Friday of Week 5	25%
Week 5 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
6	Final Exam	Friday of Week 6	100%
Week 6 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			17%
WEIGHTED TOTAL			100%