

10th Grade American Government Syllabus

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Textbook: *United States Government – Democracy in Action* by Glencoe, McGraw Hill

Introduction: This is a yearlong course which is mandatory of all Sophomores. It will examine the foundations of American constitutional government, contemporary government, and government at the three basic levels (local, state, and federal). Qualities of citizenship, the political process, and the methods in which governments take in and allocate money will also be of prime focus throughout the course.

Supplies Needed: Notebook, folder(s) or binder, writing utensil (pen or pencil)

Assignments: Must be turned in on due date. Work turned in late will receive half credit.

Absences: Students who miss class are responsible for getting what they have missed.

Grading Policy:

Class participation/attitude	10%
Homework	15%
Quizzes/Projects	25%
Tests/Projects	50%

*Extra credit work is not allowed!

Curriculum

1st Quarter

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>Unit Title</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Unit Length</u>
Unit 1	<i>People and Government</i>	Aug/Sept	4-5 weeks
Unit 2	<i>Origins of Government</i>	Sept/Oct	2-3 weeks
Unit 3	<i>U.S. Constitution</i>	Oct/Nov	2-3 weeks

2nd Quarter

Unit 4	<i>Federalism</i>	November	2-3 weeks
Unit 5	<i>Legislative Branch</i>	December	2-3 weeks
Unit 6	<i>Executive Branch</i>	Dec/Jan	2-3 weeks

3rd Quarter

Unit 7	<i>Judicial Branch</i>	Jan/Feb	3 weeks
Unit 8	<i>Political Parties</i>	Feb/March	3 weeks
Unit 9	<i>Taxing and Spending</i>	Mar/April	3 weeks

4th Quarter

Unit 10	<i>State Government</i>	April/May	2-3 weeks
Unit 11	<i>County Government</i>	May/June	2-3 weeks
Unit 12	<i>Municipal Government</i>	June	2-3 weeks