



American Government

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Instructor:

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Room 218

Course Description and Objectives:

American Government is a course that is designed to provide students with the skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically challenges of understanding American democracy. Issues to be learned include the historical and philosophical foundations of American democracy, Constitutional structure, Constitutional theory, the amendment process and the historical events surrounding our Constitutional amendments, and the defining and evolution of what American citizenship means. Be prepared to learn to budget your time and work hard.

Unit/Concept Names:

Unit 1-foundations

Unit 2-Framing

Unit 3-Civil Liberties

Unit 4-1 Legislative Branch

Unit 5- Executive Branch

Unit 6- Judicial Branch

Unit 7- Elections

Unit 8- Georgia Government System

Evaluation (Schoolwide Grading Policy):

- *Minor Grades* = 60% (quizzes, labs, and graded assignments to assess certain standards in a unit of study)
- *Major Grades* = 40% (unit tests, essays, research papers, project-based assignments, and culminating assessments to measure mastery of standards that comprise a unit of study)

Classroom Procedures & Expectations:

The overarching expectation in this class is RESPECT: respect for yourself, respect for other students, respect for the teacher/or any individual in authority, and respect for any guests that may enter our class. Although this encompasses all other expectations, I will outline several others for the sake of clarity.

1. Follow the rules the FIRST time.
2. Respect your classmates and the teacher.
3. Raise your hand before speaking or leaving your seat.
4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.



5. Adhere to all policies, rules, and regulations outlined in the student handbook, and Laney High School's Norms.

Course Materials:

- * 1 - Composition Notebook
- * Spiral Notebook
- * Pencils (mechanical pencils preferred)
- * Handheld pencil sharpener
- * Highlighters
- * Loose Leaf Paper
- * (6) two pocket plastic folders w/ 3 holes
- * Coloring Utensils (crayons, coloring pencil, or markers)
- * Assigned RCBOE Laptop

Donations appreciated for the following (optional):

- * Copy Paper
- * Hand Sanitizer
- * Dry Erase Markers
- * Kleenex
- * Disinfectant Wipes

Modes of Communication:

Remind messages

To sign up for class reminders, please send a text to **@@81010** and send this message **@AMG2425**