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# GOVERNMENT

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Walla Walla Valley Academy

Syllabus

**Instructor:**

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**Objectives:**

1. Students will experience a transforming, saving life with Jesus Christ.
2. Students will identify SDA Christian principles and values in correlation with social studies.
3. Students will conduct historical inquiry and analysis to develop an understanding of government.
4. Students will use various literacy skills for interpreting historical data.
5. Students will appreciate the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in a diverse society.
6. Students will assess and integrate political concepts into practical applications.
7. Students will be able to communicate the circumstances that have shaped the world in the present and use that information to interpret current events.

**Grading System:**

*Grade Breakdown:*

There are no defined percentage categories in this class; all points carry the same weight.

*Grading Scale:*

A = 93% - 100%

B- = 80% - 82%

D = 50% - 64%

A- = 90% - 92%

C+ = 77% - 79%

F = 0% - 49%

B+ = 87% - 89%

C = 69% - 76%

B = 83% - 86%

C- = 65% - 68%

**Activities:**

*Tests:*

Tests will be given periodically to measure what students have learned. Tests will generally be given for each chapter covered; however, the scope of the test may not be limited to one chapter. Tests may include material from previous chapters.

*Homework:*

Homework will be assigned frequently. Unless otherwise noted, homework is due at the beginning of class the next time class meets. Late homework will only be accepted in accordance with the late work policy. In addition, in-class activities may be collected as homework.

*Quizzes:*

Quizzes will be given frequently to measure a student's comprehension of the assigned reading, presentation or class discussion.

*Current Events/Historical Perspective Reports:*

Students will be required to produce a journal that outlines current government events. Journal entries will demonstrate an understanding of the issue as well as personal application.

### *Activism Project:*

This semester you will complete a series of projects centered on an opportunity to produce change. Each project will have different objectives, requirements and stage due dates. Some projects will have group elements but all will require individual planning and effort. Your effort and results will have a substantial impact on your grade.

### *Quarter Projects:*

Each quarter students will be expected to complete a comprehensive reading or community service project. Project options should be planned in advance. Projects will have several progress deadlines that will account for a significant portion of the points available.

### **Attendance Policy:**

Students are expected to be ready when class begins. If you miss more than half of a particular class period you may be given an absence for that period. In accordance with Washington state law, if you have more than 15 absences per semester for non-school related reasons you will not receive credit for this class. Three tardies equal an absence.

### **Academic Honesty:**

As in the world outside of school, cooperation and working together is not only allowed, it is encouraged. Students must be careful however to only claim credit for work they have done. All incidents involving academic honesty will be pursued aggressively in accordance with WWVA's policies.

### **Classroom Rules:**

#### *1. Own your personal responsibility*

##### *Respect*

- Towards other students, the instructor, visitors, or anyone else.
- Towards the material we will be covering.
- Towards maintaining a learning atmosphere.

##### *Order*

- Receive permission before leaving the classroom.
- Keep control of potentially distracting behavior (food, cell phones).
- Transition swiftly between activities.
- Speak and listen when appropriate.

##### *Safety*

- Remain aware of and follow all the health guidelines set up by WWVA.
- Wear your mask at all times in class

### **Required Materials:**

- Writing instrument
- iPad (Not only is your textbook on it but we will use them every day)