

U.S. GOVERNMENT

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There will be several assignments completed by students in class per week as well as homework to practice the concepts that were covered during that week's lessons. There will be a major test at the completion of each unit. At the end of the semester, there will be a district final examination.

Each unit calendar will provide detailed activities for each day and will include the dates of tests and quizzes. All assignments are expected to be turned in on the assigned day.

The objective sheet will list the major concepts in each of the 5 units. It is recommended that you find the answers to the objectives IN ADVANCE of the class review given for the test. The answers can be found in class notes, the textbook, activities in class, or google classroom. If you keep the answers from each unit in a section of your spiral, you will have an excellent resource for the final exam review.

SUPPLIES:

- A. **Spiral Notebook:** You need to purchase a spiral with a minimum of 180 pages to be used for Government alone. No other subjects should be in this spiral. You need to bring your spiral to class each day.

- B. **Calendar and Objective Sheet** - bring to class each day.

- C. **Google Classroom** – How to join:
 1. Go to: classroom.google.com and sign in using your school username and password
 2. Click the **+** tab and “join a class”
 3. Enter the class code: **9yzbai**

- D. **Textbook** -You can access the online textbook following the directions below.
 1. Go online (at school or at home)
 2. Navigate to this website: connected.pisd.edu
 3. Enter your network username (firstname.lastname.#)
 4. Enter your network password

GRADING POLICY:

75% - Test Average Includes:

- A. Unit Tests - The majority are multiple choice with some short answer and essay.
- B. Major Projects – These may include In-Class Essays, CAPS, Projects, Open Note Tests, etc.

25% - Daily Average Includes:

- A. Class Assignments and Activities
- B. Quizzes - Students are to take notes on the lectures given in class. The calendar will also provide reading pages that correspond to what we are learning for each lesson and lecture. Students will be assessed on this information and concepts using quizzes given during each unit. Students will be allowed to use notes on most of their quizzes provided they are handwritten in their personal spiral.

TUTORIALS:

- A. Scheduled tutorials are noted on the calendar. We will have one during class the day before each unit test as well as the afternoon before and morning of the day of the test.
- B. Additional tutorials are available on an individual basis through appointments with your teacher.

MAKE UP POLICY:

- A. Make up work is the student's responsibility.
- B. Make up times are by appointment with your teacher in your classroom.
- C. Daily Work
 1. **Students are given until the end of the unit to make up any daily work, quizzes, homework, etc.**
 2. Make up quizzes will be in the same format as the quiz that was given in class. You may use your notes on each quiz if notes were allowed when the quiz was given in class.
 3. After the unit dead line has passed, a student will receive a zero for the assignment.
- D. Tests and Projects
 1. **Students have TWO WEEKS to make up a test.** After this point the highest possible grade a student may earn on a make-up test is a 70.
 2. Late projects, take home tests or take home essays will be penalized heavily for each day the assignment is late. **Projects are long term assignments and must be turned in on the due date even if the student is not present in class.** (Turned in early, sent with a parent, etc.) If the assignment is not received at the beginning of class on the day it is due, one day late is minus 15 points, two days late minus 25, three days late minus 50, after that time, the assignment becomes a permanent zero. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 3. Missed tests will be taken in class the next day. If the student is also absent the day after a test day, the student will schedule a make-up time with the teacher outside of class.
- E. *No late work is accepted on daily assignments.*
- F. Students are expected to participate in all class activities on the day of your return from absences.

OPTIONAL RE-TAKE FOR UNIT TESTS:

Requirements:

1. The test is offered only at designated times one to two weeks after the original test date. Appointments to take the test will be scheduled with your teacher.
2. It will replace the designated multiple choice test for a maximum grade of a 70.
3. It cannot replace a zero.
4. The score on the optional re-test is binding even if it lowers your grade. You must study.