



## U S Government A Spring 2018

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U.S. Government A is the study of how people as citizens participate in the political process and how the government is structured and leads. The course looks at the history of the creation of government and the influences that shaped our government as we know it today. Students will participate in activities that expose them to the facets of the TEKS as described below. The student's participation in class activities and in-class projects will allow them to experience scenarios that will afford them opportunities to become a meaningful part in their own government.

**Supplies:** Pen, Pencil, 100 page Spiral notebook, any type of folder or binder to keep track of classwork and handouts.

### Grading Policy:



- 25% Daily Average Includes: in class activities, quizzes, note taking, group participation
- 75% Major Grade Average Includes: in class assessments, in class projects, group projects

**Tutorials:** While this class is formatted for students to perform in-class tasks toward completion of work and written homework will be at a minimum, students may arrange a time with the instructor to come in for extra help

**Make-Up Policy:** When students are absent, they will be responsible for completing the in-class work missed. If a student misses a group activity, the student will be given an alternate assignment for the daily grade taken. If a student misses an assessment, the student will be required to schedule a time to complete the assessment with the instructor.

### Outline of Course Curriculum:

#### Foundations of Government:

#### The Political Process:

#### Democracy In Action:

- Types of Government
- Political Heritage
- Enlightenment Influences
- Declaration of Ind. & Constitution
- Bill of Rights
- Separation of Powers

- Public Opinion
- Political Attitudes
- Who Can Vote
- Duties of a Citizen
- Election Process
- Role of Political Parties
- Rights & Freedoms

- Legislative Branch
- How a Bill Becomes a Law
- State Government
- Local Government
- Executive Branch
- Roles of President
- Judicial Branch & Supreme Court

