

AP American Government and Politics Syllabus
Mr. Melton

Welcome to AP Government! This will be an exciting and challenging class for you.

In this class, we will examine the foundations of our government, its foundational documents, Supreme Court Decisions, and how our Government works. This class will be an entire year, and through the class, you will be prepared to take the AP Government exam. The scoring for the exam is 1-5, and a score of 3,4, or 5 will provide college credit for an Intro to Government class.

Be aware this class will require more reading and work than a “normal” high school class. You will be required to have the material from the textbook and other documents read before class.

Required for Class:

- AP Government Textbook (provided by School) – you will keep up with it all year.
- Binder or folder to keep handouts, notes, etc.
- Chromebook (Provided by school) or Personal laptop

Grade Breakdown:

Chapter Tests: 35%

- Tests will be structured similarly to the AP Exam. There will be roughly 20-30 MC items and 2 written response items.

FRQ (Free Response Questions): 35%

- There will be 1-2 FRQ questions per chapter. These will be similar types of items you will see on the AP Test.

Discussion Board: 20%

- Every week, you will be required to answer a question or a prompt on the discussion board. This will be done through Google Classroom. The Question or prompt will be posted Sunday night, and you will be required to post your answer by Wednesday night at Midnight. 10 points per day will be deducted for late responses. A response not submitted by the following Sunday will receive a 0.

Class Participation: 10%

- This class is dependent on your participation in the learning. I look for you to add to the classroom without degrading, demeaning, or insulting other students.

If you agree to complete and pass the course and sit for the AP exam, you will receive 5 points added to your average every 9 weeks.

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