
Government Syllabus

Instructor: Jenn Singleton

Education: B.S. Education Degree, Elementary Education Certification, Middle School Social Studies Endorsement

Background: I have a background in teaching from public schools in Oklahoma and Missouri and History classes at our homeschool co-op in Springfield MO. This is my fourth year teaching History with ReACHE. I am a mom who is blessed to stay home and homeschool my own three boys.

Availability: I am available by phone, text and email Monday through Friday. I prefer students contact me using Canvas.

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Grade Level: This course is geared for 12th grade – 10th and up accepted

Required Textbooks: BJU American Government 3rd Ed. Student Textbook and Student Activities Manual

Class Schedule: Thursdays Spring Semester Only – at Fannin Baptist Church

Class Fees: Registration information at reache.org The total fee for the class is \$160 or \$40 per month, plus a one-time supply fee of \$10 due at the time of registration. Tuition payments should be made directly to the teacher using PayPal, personal check, or a bank drafted check. Monthly payments by PayPal are not preferred due to their not being a way to schedule payments.

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Supplies Needed in Class Every Week: textbook, activities manual, ruled paper for notetaking, organizational binder of your choice

Course Description: This class will cover the Constitution, the three branches of government, political parties, elections, foreign policy, state and local governments all from a biblical worldview.

Grading: This course can be used for high school credit. Parents can check grades or missing assignments at any time on Canvas. All assignments will be given a point value. Tests will be worth more points than weekly assignments. Any assignment one week late will be worth 75%. After one week, missing assignments will be worth 0 points.

Instructional Methods: lecture, reading assignments, activity pages, online assignments, online discussion boards, videos

Expectations: The textbook will be the basis for our study but supplemented with videos. The textbook is written at a 12th grade reading level and some questions require critical thinking. One chapter each week will be assigned for reading at home. Skimming the chapter for answers is not the same thing as reading the chapter for understanding. Weekly quizzes will be given to incentivize students to read the assigned chapter. Some unit tests will be given in class while others will be given online. We will memorize the preamble to the Constitution. Class only meets for 50 minutes each week, and we cover an entire chapter, so it is important for students to arrive on time to class, be prepared and stay up to date on all work assigned. Students will be asked to use an online program called Canvas in this course to complete weekly assignments. Students should expect to do 45 minutes of work outside of class, four days a week. If a student is absent from class, it will be their responsibility to use Canvas to stay caught up on assignments and get notes from a classmate. Technology will be allowed in the classroom for educational purposes such as notetaking. However, students who become distracted themselves or distract others by texts, calls, apps, or social media will be asked to turn in their devices.

Plagiarism: All assignments submitted in this course must be written in the words of the student unless acknowledged by quotation marks. Students should use the textbook as their primary source for information, not google. Answers should not be copied and pasted from any website. Collaboration with any other students in the class should be appropriate and result in each person recording their own answers in their own words.