Honors - U.S. Government Syllabus

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**Course Description**:

This Government course is a thought-provoking exploration of American government and politics. We will cover such topics as the Constitution, civil rights, interest groups, politics, voting, Congress, the Presidency, the Judiciary, laws, public policies, state & local government, and current events.

**Methods of Instruction:**

* Notes
* Reading
* Discussion
* Hands on

**Student Performance Expectations (work habits and routines)**

* Please be in your seat when the bell rings.
* No cell phones, head phones, or other electronic devices unless instructed by the teacher.
* All work must be completed on time unless you have an excused absence. If you are absent you have 3 days upon return to make the work up unless otherwise noted by myself. You are responsible for getting ALL assignments missed during your absence from this class.
* Food or drink must be respectfully taken care of & disposed of before leaving class.
* Students must always be respectful to everyone. Be kind to other opinions & thoughts.
* Any disruptions in class will be dealt with on a case by case basis.
* Each student must bring an open mind to class. Get involved & share your knowledge & opinions as well as be open to others as well.
* Each student must bring pen & paper each class period.
* Treat all classroom equipment, tables, chairs, & materials with respect

**Supplies**

* Notebook paper
* A pen or pencil

**Grading**

Grades will be based on daily grades, participation (lecture notes or activities), projects, quizzes, & tests.

**Class Requirements and Procedures**

You are expected to be prepared for class. This means that you have paper and pencil each day. You will be required to take and keep notes from lectures and class discussions. Keep in mind quiz, tests, and exam questions will come from your textbook, lectures and class discussions.