

## Civics Syllabus

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Materials: Textbook *American Government* (classroom set supplied by school)

Additional items used by students throughout the year:

Computer with internet access; in school and possible need one in home setting

**Schoology** is used for grades and mass email communication by teacher

Students will be assigned a James Rumsey Google account.

Students will be assigned class work through the **Google Classroom** application as well as traditional paper assignments.

Grading Policy: JRTI follows the standard grading policy set forth home high school/county.

Scale A = 100 – 90

B = 89 – 80

C = 79 – 70

D = 69 – 60

F = 59 – 0

All grades are weighted the same except for the semester exams
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Students will be graded on the following items:

Participation, in class book work/notes, tests, projects, homework, semester exams.

**Assignments turned in after the due date will have -1 point for each school day late. The day of the test students are required to take the test during their class period. If test is not taken during the time they are present in class, the test grade will be 0%**

\*\* extra credit is given very sparingly and is used to allow students to give themselves a little boost in their grade but not to drastically change their grade at the last minute. Example student has an 89.4% extra credit could boost them to a 90% but not a 50% to a 60%.

Expectations for success:

1. Attendance is expected. **Do not use** this class as a time to schedule appointments so you don't miss your technical class, do not skip this class to work in the shops or hang out with friends in another class. If you skip this class, **you will get a 0%** for any work completed or assigned during the class period you skipped as well as an office referral.
  - a. Students **will not be allowed** to leave this class to work in academic/technical classes. The only exemptions will be made for guest speakers & field trips.

2. Do you own work and take pride in your accomplishments! Copying another student's assignments will not be tolerated and **will result in 0%** for you and the student who allowed you to copy.
3. Students are responsible for the knowledge about their grades and assignment due dates. Check Schoology/Google Classroom on a regular basis.
4. Be polite and respectful to each other and the teacher. Disrespect, prejudice, violence will not be tolerated in this class. Everyone has worth and value. No foul or disrespectful language will be tolerated in this classroom.
5. **No non-school related cell phone use during instruction time.** Cell misuse will result in the cell phone being taken by teacher until end of the class period.

Units covered in class:

#### Term 1

1. Personal Finance
  - a. Goal setting/Budgeting (Needs vs. Wants)
  - b. Career exploration (job market, skills, wages, benefits)
  - c. Banking/Savings/Credit/Interest rates
  - d. Insurances (health, auto, home)

#### Term 2

1. Citizenship: What does it mean? Ways to be a productive Citizen
2. Immigration
3. Types of government systems

#### Term 3

1. Constitution/Articles of Confederation
2. Amendments
3. Legislative Branch
4. How a Bill becomes a Law?

#### Term 4

1. Executive Branch
2. Electoral College/Political Campaigns
3. Judicial Branch/Famous Court Cases
4. Local/state government issues

#### Other Information

1. Student Services: JRTI has 2 special education teachers to help students identified by home schools in need of extra services (IEP, 504)
2. Guidance Counselor: JRTI has 1 guidance counselor to help with scheduling, personal issues, financial aid and other needs.