



WEST HARPETH CHRISTIAN TUTORIAL

United States Government

Tutor:

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Prerequisites:

- This class is open to 9th - 12th grade students.
- It is recommended but not required that students take American History before enrolling in US Government.



Course Description

Many Americans admit to not understanding the fundamentals of our government system. This is your chance to not be one of them!

In addition to studying the “why” and “how” behind our founding documents, we will spend a great deal of time on the “nuts and bolts” of our system of government.

Why is it set up the way it is?

How does legislation really get passed?

And, what in the world is a vote-a-rama??

Books & Supplies

- There is no text to purchase for this course. All materials will be provided by the teacher.
- 3-ring binder, with front and back pockets for handouts, and a clear front cover sleeve for the syllabus
- Notebook or 3-ring binder for note-taking
- Students will need access to the Internet on a regular basis.

Commitment

- This course meets once a week and is a .5 credit course that meets for half of the school year.
- Approximately 2-4 hours of homework per week can be expected
- All written work done outside of class must be typed and brought to class.
- Homework can include an assigned reading, completing various discussion questions, research activities, and/or preparing for a quiz or a test.
- Students will present a final project at the end of the semester.
- A final exam will be given on Schoology.
- Participation is vital in a class such as this. Participation means coming to class prepared and engaging with the tutor and fellow students about the ideas and concepts covered in that week's homework.

A typical class will look like...

Class time will be spent in discussion, engaging with the topics and issues raised during the week, as well as lesson review, current event discussion, lecture and group activities.