**American Government and History**

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**Supplies**

* Folder
* Notebook or notebook paper
* Pencil/pen

**Guidelines**

**Daily Procedure:** -Be in the room when the bell rings

 -Check the board for the day’s agenda/supplies

 -begin the daily activity quickly

**Participation:** I expect you to be an active participant in the affairs of our classroom.

**DON’T BE A FLAT TIRE!!** I expect you to work hard, participate, and learn.

**Materials:** Bring your gear (listed above) to class everyday.

**Assignments:** Most assignments are typically due the next class. If things change, I’ll let you know.

**Make-up:** If necessary, I’ll do my best to deliver work that you missed quickly. Please, do your best to complete any missed work quickly.

**Maintenance:** The room is to be left in the condition in which you found it: CLEAN!!!

**Two Simple Rules**

1. BE NICE

1. BE ABOVE AVERAGE

**American Government**

This year long course covers the origins, principles, organization, and functions of the United States and Missouri governments.

In a democratic society it is extremely important to understand how our government works so that we can all become informed and responsible citizens.

**Five Big Topics**

The basic path we will follow in American Government this year is five-fold. Of course, each BIG topic will be broken down into several manageable pieces. No worries. No stress.

 The Origins and Principles of the Constitution

 The Legislative Branch

 The Executive Branch

 The Judicial Branch

 Political Parties/Politics/Electoral Process

**Grading**

Your grade in American Government will be broken down into several categories. Check it.

 Daily assignments (Daily activites, notecards, papers, etc.)

 Short quizzes (10-30 points)

 Unit quizzes (30-50 points)

 Semester Finals

 EOC Test (4th quarter)

A large percentage of your grade depends on what you accomplish in class most every day. Most assignments aren’t terribly difficult, but do require you to think and apply ideas/material/concepts we have covered in class.

**\*\*In order to receive credit for American Government and graduate from high school in the state of Missouri, you must successfully pass both the US and Missouri Constitution tests.**