



Civics: Youth and Law

Insert Teacher Name

Insert Room Number

Insert Full Year/Semester

Insert Period

Insert Email Address

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to explore the organization and operation of governmental institutions, with an emphasis on the political and legal systems at the national and state level. Through a series of key essential questions and case studies, students will gain an in depth understanding of concepts such as constitutional government, federalism, checks and balances, due process, civil rights, civil liberties, criminal and civil law, as well as other significant and current topics. A key focus of the course is the development of skills in leadership, collaboration, research, and communication in order to take a critical stand on important political and social issues and foster effective civic participation.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to:

- describe the purpose, organization and functions of state and national government;
- understand how power, authority, and responsibility are distributed, shared, and limited as established the United States Constitutions;
- understand how citizens exercise the roles, rights and responsibilities of participation in civic life at state and national levels; and
- analyze case studies in relation to the role of citizens within the American political, economic and or/social systems.

UNITS OF STUDY

- Unit 1: Structure of Government
- Unit 2: Rights of Individuals
- Unit 3: Responsibilities of Citizens

COURSE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

GRADING

Summative Assessments: Insert % Here (Minimum of 70%).
Insert Categories/Weighting (ie. Papers – 30%)

Formative Assessments: Insert % Here (Maximum of 30%).
Insert Categories/Weighting (ie. Quizzes – 50%)

Behavioral Characteristics: Insert % Here (Maximum of 10%)
Insert Categories/Weighting (ie. Particip. - 90%)

Insert Additional Grading Information Here

MATERIALS

Insert Course Materials Here (ie. Textbook, Binder, Calculator, Highlighters)

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

Insert Course Expectations Here

EXTRA HELP

Insert Course Expectations Here

Insert Additional Information Here