**U.S. Government**

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**Course Description**

In this 12th grade class we will look at the development of our country from its infancy to its standing today. We will explore the origins and functions of government, the election process, the three branches of the U.S. government, as well as financial literacy. We will work with the new Common Core State Standards by analyzing primary and secondary sources, annotating, and doing a lot of persuasive writing. In addition, there will be one current events assignment each week called the Article of the Week to help students build background knowledge and stay up to date with the world around them.

**Course Goals**

**Upon completion of this course students will understand the…**

* To create a more informed and engaged young citizenry.
* To understand the political beginnings of our country.
* To demonstrate understanding of our three branches of government and their function.
* To demonstrate the concept of federalism.

**Course Expectations**

- Daily warm up called the “Do Now”

- Participation in class assignments, projects, debates, etc.

- Completion of different projects, both in groups and independently

- Completion of quizzes, tests and final

- Completion of weekly homework called the “Article of the Week”

**Grading Policy**

A 90 – 100%

B 80 – 89%

C 70 – 79%

D 60 – 69%

F 59% and below

**Grading Assessment**

Participation 10%

Do Nows 20%

Tests/Projects 25%

Activities/Assignments 35%

Homework 10%

**Class Website**

For more information about this class, or any of my other classes, visit our class website at kristenq.weebly.com. There you can find my Classroom Rules, our Pacing Guide, any assignments you may have missed, and notes/worksheets that can help you with writing essays. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to contact me through the class website, or by emailing me at kristen@encompassacademy.org.