

**Special Topics in Social Studies Course Syllabus
2010-11
Walton-Verona High School**

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Important Dates to Remember:

- September 11th Progress Reports for First Nine Weeks
- October 19th First Nine Weeks Ends
- November 16th Progress Reports for Second Nine Weeks
- December 20th Second Nine Weeks Ends

Course Description:

This is a freshman class that is a comprehensive course in citizenship and government of the United States. We will also be looking at the culture and geography of the world during this course. One thing we will focus on during this course is on the forces that shaped and continue to shape the development of government, citizenship, and political institutions of the United States. At the end of the semester time will be spent on world and United States geography.

Student Outcomes:

- The successful student will have an understanding of how government and politics play an intricate part of their everyday lives.
- The successful student will have an understanding of world geography.

Text & Materials Required:

- You will need the following materials for this course: spiral notebook & one folder.
- The following materials need to be brought to class *everyday*: textbook, writing utensil, folder, & spiral lecture notebook.

Grading System:

- Grades will be based on a variety of different activities such as: homework, quizzes, tests, assignments, current events, writing logs, small group work, & a portfolio entry.
- Grades will be separated into a content knowledge grade & participation grade with each weighed 50%.
- Students will be notified of current grade each Monday of the school year and after each major test.
- There will be a Final Exam in December that will be worth 10% of their grade.

Absentee Information / Make-up Work:

- It is the student's responsibility to get all make-up work from classes missed.
 - A tray in the back of the room will have a list of what you missed, along with papers you need.
- All quizzes/tests must be completed before or after school.

WVHS Library

- The WVHS Library is a quiet and inviting place to conduct research, locate information, study, and read. The Library has access to many useful research tools including online magazine and newspaper articles, books, subscriptions to magazines and newspapers, audiovisual materials, and more. In addition, the Library has several computers with Internet connectivity and a quiet study area.
- The Library is open Monday through Friday 7:30AM to 3:30PM. All students are welcome to visit the Library and make use of the collections and services

Keeping up with the Class

- Students who are having difficulty should notify the instructor as soon as possible.

Extra Assistance: The teacher is available to provide help 30 minutes before school and after school each day.

Academic Integrity

- Each student in this course is expected to abide by the Walton-Verona Code of Academic Integrity. Any work submitted by a student in this course for academic credit will be the student's own work.
- **Course Credit:** (Required Course worth 1 credit towards graduation)

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Class Rules:

- No one leaves the class during instructional time. No exceptions.
 - Do not ask to use the following during class-time: phone, bathroom, drink, or other teachers/students.
 - We will **ALWAYS** take a break (restroom & drink) about midway through class for 1st, 4th, and 5th block. Those in 2nd or 3rd block will get no break (only 55 minutes)
 - Do not ask to use the phone, get sodas, visit the cafeteria, or visit others during this time.
 - If late from the break, class loses the break the rest of the week.
- Be in the classroom when the bell rings (coming through the door is considered tardy).
 - If you are late to class, please bring a note from the teacher who detained you.
- During Channel One News there is to be no talking during the show (you may talk quietly during the commercials).
 - 5 Points per day for Channel One, just watching and being quiet.
- Unless given permission to be on the floor, stay in your seat.
 - Sharpen your pencil & get make up work before class begins.
- Be courteous and considerate to others in the room and listen to what they have to say.
- Make-up work is located in the binds on top of the book shelf by my desk.
 - All make up work will be passed out at the beginning of class.
 - Do not turn in late / make up work during class time. Before or at the end of class.
- Do not leave books, folders, notebooks in the classroom.
- Substitute teachers should be treated in a respectful manner.
- No food in class
- No Cell Phones and IPODS in class, do not ask!!!
- BYOT can be used in class, but only when given specific permission to use them. Must be a tablet, no cell phones.
- Drinks must have a top on it (no cups, etc)
- Do not touch the Promethean Board / Projector.
- Do not write on the Promethean Board (it is not a dry eraser board)

Behavior Procedures:

- 1: Verbal Reprimand and/or Teacher Conference
- 2: 30 Minute Detention
- 3: 60 Minute Detention & Phone Call To Parents
- 4: Office Referral

Course Credit:

- This is a required class for graduation. It is a semester class worth 1 credit hour towards high school diploma.

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Parent Signature: _____