**Honors U.S. Government: Course Syllabus**

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**Text:** HMH United States Government

**Grade Determination:**

Major Grades (Tests, Projects, etc.) 55%

Daily Grades (Classwork, Homework, Current Events, Participation) 25%

Final Exam 20%

Total 100%

# CLASSROOM RULES/POLICIES

1. Please treat your teacher and fellow classmates with respect at all times.
2. Attendance is crucial in this fast-paced intense course and students and parents should use caution with outside commitments that would require the student to miss the class. Attendance policy for this class will follow school policy
3. If any type of misbehavior occurs, the teacher will enforce a seating chart.
4. Students may eat and drink in class as long as the privilege is not abused. Keep in mind that this is a “privilege”, not a right, and may be taken away. The definition of abuse is the presence of trash. This privilege will be withdrawn if I have to clean up any paper, bottles, crumbs etc…
5. Students will be allowed to leave class ONLY with a pass signed by the teacher.
6. Excessive Disruption, such as habitual talking will not be tolerated. We are all reasonable people and know what is over the line in terms of excessive talking.
7. PLEASE BE ON TIME…DON’T BE TARDY…IN THE EVENT YOU ARE TARDY, SCHOOL POLICY WILL BE APPLIED.
8. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. I expect you to act professional at all times, and this type of behavior, especially the use of profanity, does not conform to acceptable classroom etiquette.
9. Always be prepared for class. YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE!!!
10. You are expected to bring your book to class EVERYDAY.
11. NO SLEEPING IN CLASS!!
12. Please do not cheat in my class. Cheating will be defined in this class as ANY sharing of work, on ANY assignment.

**Cheating Policy: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated.** You are expected to do your own work. If you are caught cheating the consequences will be: a grade of zero on the assignment, a phone call home to your parents, and a referral to your administrator for disciplinary action.

1. CELL PHONES, CD PLAYERS, AND MP3 PLAYERS ARE TO BE **TURNED OFF** AND **OUT OF SIGHT** AT ALL TIMES. (Please use this syllabus as your first warning and understand that I will take up upon 1st offense)
2. No hats or hoods in class

**Discipline Procedure:** In the event there is a violation of these, or any, school-wide rules and policies, you will receive either class-based discipline (detention, etc.) or school-based discipline (referral).

**ALL RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS!**

All students will be expected to be familiar with the syllabus, particularly the student rules and responsibilities. Knowing these important points will contribute to our having a very pleasant experience this semester!

**All students will be expected to abide by the guidelines in this syllabus.**

**Current Events for Honors Government-** There will be an assigned current event every unit. It should relate to the topics we are covering in that unit. The format will be the same as Econ:

 Paragraph 1- summary of article

 Paragraph 2- how it relates to the unit, including vocab

 Paragraph 3- your opinion and why you chose it