

**US Government
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Room #50

Conference time: 10:00-10:50

TEXT:

US Government published by Prentice Hall

Course Description:

This course will cover various aspects of the US Government. The course is designed to provide students with essential knowledge and skills related to the nation's government and its historical development. Students in this course pursue an understanding of the institutions of American government. They analyze the history and interpretations of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the current state of the legislative, executive, and judiciary branches of government. An emphasis is placed on analyzing the relationship between federal, state, and local governments. This course is designed to foster an appreciation of government, its value both past and present and to develop new study skills for future academic success.

COMPENTENCIES:

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to read and comprehend a variety of texts appropriate to their ability.
2. Students will write effectively to improve self expression and factual opinions on the variety of topics presented.
3. Students will prepare for instruction with appropriate outside resources including primary documents, video clips, political cartoons, document based quotes, essay writing and research with periodicals.
4. Students will demonstrate an understanding of a variety of events in US Government.

GRADING METHODS

Daily work:	50%
Tests, Projects:	30%
Final:	20%

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

- Be on time.
- Be prepared with materials needed for class.
- Respect others as well as yourself.

SUPPLIES

- Hard cover 3 ring binder with paper
- Pens/Pencils
- 1 box of Kleenex

ATTENDANCE

An excused absence requires the student to assume responsibility for obtaining and completing make-up work. Unexcused absences can result in “NO CREDIT” for missed work. Be familiar with the SFHS policies as stated in the handbook.

Tardies: 3 tardies equal one absence. Too many can result in no credit for the semester.

Cell Phones: School policy is strictly enforced. Phones must be completely turned off while in the classroom unless otherwise instructed by teacher. Consequences, if policy not followed, may include being taken up and given to the principal for the parent to pick up.

PLAN TO HAVE A FANTASTIC YEAR!!!