



# **U.S. GOVERNMENT**

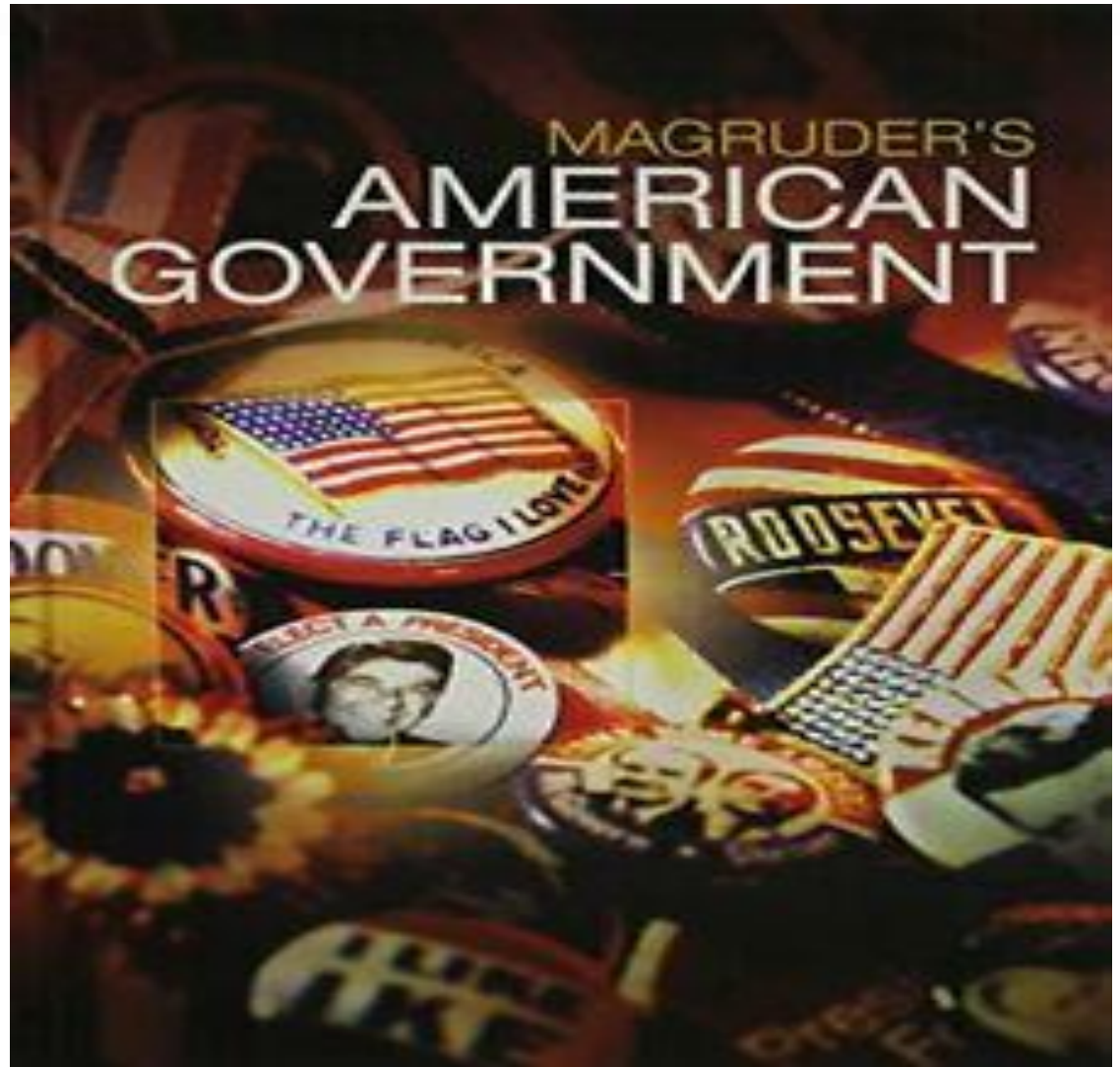
**Mr. McKinnon**

**Social Studies Office: 118E**

**Office Hours: 4(A) & 1(B)**

# TEXTBOOK

**Magruder's**  
**American**  
**Government**  
**Pearson**  
**2016 edition**



# **CLASS EXPECTATIONS**

## **TARDIES**

**There will be an arranged seating pattern. You must be in your seat and ready to start class when the bell rings. If you are not in your seat when I take attendance, you will be counted “tardy.”**

# **CLASS EXPECTATIONS (CONT.)**

## **EXTRA CREDIT**

**Extra credit will be given for video notes and topic summaries.**

## **GRADING**

**All assignments must be completed. Work that is not turned in on the day and period specified will be considered to be one day late and receive one-half credit. Any work turned in two days late will receive zero credit. Extension for one-half credit does NOT apply to work completed after due date. An INCOMPLETE assignment at the end of the semester will not be acceptable.**

# **CLASS RULES**

- 1. Your best effort and conduct is required at all times.**
- 2. Show respect for others at all times.**
- 3. All work must be done thoroughly, on time and independently completed.**
- 4. Bring note taking material; your IPAD, pen or pencil and notebook every day.**
  - \*\*\* Note taking is a requirement for ALL students.**
  - \*\*\* Homework done in red, purple or pastel colors will not be accepted.**
- 5. You will not be excused from class to go to the bathroom, locker or telephone. The only exceptions will be in the case of an emergency.**

# **CLASS RULES (CONT.)**

- 6. No candy in class. Any gum on the floor or desk will result in no gum in class.**
- 7. Cheating will result in a zero. If you are border line at the end of the quarter or semester you will not receive the benefit of the doubt. I will also inform your parents.**
- 8. No talking when I am talking. You may ask a question at any time. To get my attention .... raise your hand.**
- 9. Remain in your seat until the closing bell rings.**
- 10. Three-ring notebook (optional)**

# **CELL PHONE POLICY**

## **NOT ALLOWED**

- 1. Cell phones**
- 2. Smart Watches**
- 3. I-Pods**
- 4. Tablets**
- 5. Earbuds (NO HOODS)**
- 6. Other personal electronics**



# **FOOD/DRINK POLICY**

**1. NO food in classroom**

**2. Drink policy:**

- \* NO straws**

- \* NO-spill caps only**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

# WHAT IF I AM ABSENT FROM CLASS?

- **If you are absent, you must make every effort to make up your work as soon as possible. All work for this class is due at CLASSTIME of the assigned day.**
- **If you miss a test, which you should make every effort NOT to do, the instructor may give an alternative version of the test (ALL ESSAY). You will have to make arrangements to make up the test at MY convenience. Missing a make-up test will constitute a “zero.”**

# WHAT IF I AM ABSENT FROM CLASS? (CONT.)

- If you will miss due to a school activity, it is YOUR responsibility to let me know this ahead of time, simply not showing up is not good enough. If we are having a test on the day you are gone, or when work is due, you must take care of this ahead of time.

# PACKER PROCESS

**P****PREPARE FOR LEARNING**

- Bring paper, pencil, and iPad everyday
- Have assignments completed and ready to hand in

**A****ASK FOR HELP**

- Talk to Mr. McKinnon during worktime, before/after class
- Sign up for a WIN session
- Email

**C****COLLABORATE WITH OTHERS**

- Be a respectful and contributing group member
- Individual assignments must be completed on your own

**K****KEEP TRACK OF ASSIGNMENTS & DEADLINES**

- SEE SCHOOLOGY

**E****ENTER AND EXIT THE CLASSROOM APPROPRIATELY**

- If you are not in the room when the bell rings, you are tardy
- Must have a pass, if excused
- No lining up at door, no leaving early

**R****RESPECT SCHOOL & CLASSROOM RULES**

- No food in classroom, beverages in non-spill container
- No iPads during notes, must join Apple Classroom
- Phones out of sight & out of use for entire period

**S****SUBMIT WORK**

- Assignments due at beginning of class
- 1 day late = half credit, no credit after 2 days
- No Retakes on tests or quizzes