

WELCOME TO AP US Government

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Introduction

- ▶ My name is Mr. McGillicuddy.
- ▶ I teach AP Government
- ▶ This is my 7th year as a teacher and 6th year at Innovation Academy
- ▶ I also coach the IA Quiz Bowl team.
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Units: Major Topics

Foundations of America –
Federalist Papers,
Constitution, Declaration

Civil Liberties and Rights
Politics
Elections

Three Branches –
Executive, Legislative,
Judicial

14 Supreme Court Cases
12 Foundational Documents



Course Grades:



Major Grades: Unit Tests/Projects	55%
Minor Grades: Quizzes	35%
Practice Grades: Daily or Weekly Assignments/Activities	10%

Major Grades:

- Tests are two days: Free Response and Multiple Choice
- Unit Projects can be collaborative or individual

Recovery Policy: Each major grade can be recovered for up to a 75% if initiated within 1 week of the assessment.

Minor Grades:

- Quizzes
- Vocabulary, Supreme Court cases, Foundational Documents

Practice Grade:

- In class, single day assignments.



Expectations:

Daily Life:

- ▶ Warm Up Activities
- ▶ Lectures/Discussions
- ▶ Semester Project - CSPAN
- ▶ Reading/Writing
- ▶ Mini-projects/simulations
- ▶ Political Issues

Road to Success:

- Attendance is critical
- Read Book/Documents
- Tutoring Available on Fridays and during lunch
- Pay Attention
- Be Respectful
- No Academic Dishonesty
- No Cell Phone Use

