

CIVIC LITERACY COURSE SYLLABUS

Onslow Virtual School
Fall 23

COURSE OUTLINE	
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1	Foundations
2	Inspirations for Independence
3	The Constitution
4	Federalism & The Legislative Branch
5	The Executive Branch
6	The Judicial Branch
7	State and Local Politics
8	Political Parties
9	Voting and Elections
10	Public Opinion
11	Citizenship
12	Criminal Justice

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Due to the nature of virtual learning, this is a living document and is subject to change, as needed, over the course of the semester.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Civic Literacy is the study and understanding of citizenship and government. Through the Inquiry-based C3 Framework, this one-semester course provides students with a sound understanding of civic life, politics, and government, including a short history of government's foundation and development in the United States of America. Students learn how power and responsibility are shared and limited by the government, the impact American politics has on world affairs, law in the American constitutional system, and the rights that the American government guarantees its citizens. Students also examine how the world is organized politically and how to be an active participant in the American and global political systems. Students will study the foundations of American democracy and the origins of American government. The roles of political parties, campaigns & elections, public opinion, and the media will be analyzed to determine their effects on the individual and all who call the United States home.

ATTENDANCE:

To be counted present, your cameras must be on and your face needs to be fully visible. Refer to the student handbook for specific attendance requirements. If you have to excuse yourself for a few minutes, let me know in the chat before you go and when you come back ("brb" and "back" are sufficient). If you are traveling or somewhere where you are clearly not able to participate you will be marked absent. If you finish your work for the day and have no missing assignments, let me know in the chat, I will check it and then let you know if you are free to go.

LIVE SESSIONS:

Will be recorded, be aware of your background and the noises around you. If you are absent you can re-watch the live and check your WAG for the work that was done that day. It is your responsibility to get that work done within the grace period.

LATE WORK:

Late work will be accepted up to 5 days late without penalty, after 5 days work will not be accepted, and the grade will go in as a 0. Once you have completed an assignment, you must post it in the "Late Work" Teams Channel. If used appropriately, all of your assignments should be completed in class. If you do not complete them during class, then you will have to use your own time to do so, there is no homework.

TUTORING:

Tutoring is available during Osprey Time, to sign up go to Teams → General → click on the Tutoring Tab and pick a date that works best for you.

WAG:

At the beginning of each section/week, you will have the Week at a Glance Here you will have all of the information needed: the agenda, vocabulary list, all of the grades for that week and where I will be taking those grades. The WAG can be found in the Teams Channel titled "WAG".

RETAKES:

If turned in on time, quizzes can be redone if you did not get the desired grade. You may only retake it once and you will need to sign up for Tutoring. If you are absent on the day of the quiz, you will need to sign up for tutoring to take it but you will not have a chance to retake it.

PARENT E-MAILS:

At the beginning of every section, you will take a screenshot of your grades for my class on PS and send an e-mail to your parents with me CC'd on it. If you have any 0's you will need to explain why you haven't completed your assignments. You will also need to attach a copy of the WAG for the section to this e-mail.

TEACHER COMMUNICATION:

Ask questions! Questions about your grades should be e-mailed to me. Questions during class should be asked using the chat, I will not have my e-mail up during class so I will not be able to answer your questions right away.

GROUP WORK:

When put into groups, turn on your camera and microphones, introduce yourself and review the requirements for the assignment. The rest can be done through chat if you choose but your cameras should still be on.

BEHAVIOR:

Be respectful of your teacher and your classmates; don't demean or insult anyone and remember that everyone is entitled to their opinions. If there is any communication that is not appropriate you will be removed without warning. Remember that live sessions are recorded and that your cameras are on. Consequences for your behavior depend on the behavior: being muted, kicked out of class, parent communication, administrative communication.

GRADES

MINOR GRADES – 50 Points

- **Notebook Checks**
 - Notebook checks will take place at the end of every section. A list of what is checked will be posted in the WAG for each section.
- **Current Events**
 - Current events will be due at the beginning of each section
 - Class time will be given to complete the assignments
- **Media Literacy**
 - Will be completed on Early release and other random days throughout the semester. We will be going over things like reliable sources, fact checking, and misinformation.

MAJOR GRADES – 100 Points

- **Projects**
 - Projects will be submitted on Teams
- **Quizzes**
 - At the end of every section we will review and you will take your quiz. Reviews may not happen if class completion percentage is subpar.
 - Most quizzes will be taken on Quizzz. You must be present during the live session, a code will be displayed when it is time; questions are timed, the timer depends on the length of the question and answers, you must answer within the given time frame. There may be times where your assessment for the section will be an assignment. If your camera is off or your face is not visible during a quiz, you will be logged out of the quiz and will need to sign up for tutoring

OTHER - TBD

- You may have occasional assignments that do not fall under any of the other categories
- Point value will depend on assignment.

EXTRA CREDIT:

- During review games, bonus points are given to the winners. There may be some extra credit assignments depending on what goes on; don't ask for them, opportunities will be provided as they come up and as I see fit.