



BROAD MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL Grade 8 Civics Syllabus

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COURSE/GRADE LEVEL: All Curriculum is aligned with the Massachusetts Frameworks and Common Core learning standards and strands. (Reading, Writing, and Speaking & Listening)

TEXT & SUPPLEMENTARY UNITS

Facing History (handouts)

ICIVICS (online & handouts)

Democratic Knowledge Project (handouts)

Discovery Education (online & handouts)

We the People (classroom set of texts)

Google Classroom

OVERVIEW OF TOPICS

*Foundations of Government

*Rights & Responsibilities

*The Congress

*The Executive Branch

*The Judicial Branch

*State & Local Government

*Civic Engagement

Civic Engagement has elements that could be presented throughout the course (civic action plans, current events, Media Literacy etc.)

ASSESSMENT TOOLS

40% Tests, Student Interactive Notebook, Projects, Presentations & Writing Assignments

20% Quizzes

20% Homework

20% Class Participation/Journals

*Adjustments may be made in this syllabus to meet student needs

*See Individual Student Education Plans or 504 Plans for modification where applicable

GENERAL INFORMATION

Retakes

Students who wish to take a retake must see me to discuss a day & time, and attend a study session after school in preparation for that test.

Internet/Phones

Students will be using the internet on technological devices. It is crucial that you discuss the importance of internet safety and being "on task" when using technology.

My goal is to facilitate learning through media, not police it!!!

Make-up Procedure

Students should anticipate making up any missed work as soon as they return to school.

Points will be deducted if make-up work is not done in a timely manner.

Supplies

Spiral Notebook

Colored Pencils

Hi-Liter

Glue Stick or tape or small stapler

Pen/pencil

Tissues



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Thank you!**

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