

Civics

Grades 9-12

Course Description:

This is a one semester course meeting once a week which will focus on the foundations of our American government, our founding documents, federal, state and local government as well as highlighting the primaries, midterm elections and/or presidential election (depending on the time of and year class meets). A biblical world view will be emphasized as well as the Christian's civic responsibility and role in the governmental process. Each class will include (but will not be limited to) a short teacher/guest/video/audio lecture, student discussion and reporting on reading assignments as well as current events. Each student will be "appointed" as a presidential cabinet member. As the class convenes each week each "cabinet member" will give a "P.D.B." (President's Daily Briefing) in regard to his or her "accomplishments" from the previous week! There will be several field trips (required and optional) to such places as local campaign headquarters, candidate rallies, local government meetings, local court house and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. The ultimate goal of this class is to challenge the home educated government student with "lively" discussion and to provide civic minded opportunities to "learn by doing!"

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

*Reading assignments from: Never Before in History by Gary Amos and Richard Gardiner

The Declaration of Independence

The Constitution of The United States

Selections from The Federalist Papers, The Anti-Federalist

Papers and America's God and Country by William J. Federer

*Worksheets from various sources

*documented volunteer work for a presidential, state or local election campaign (duration to be set by instructor)

*Writing a "letter to the editor" or to a legislator

*Interviewing and/or researching candidate platforms on various issues

*Researching ballot propositions and measures (if applicable)

*If circumstances permit: an "election/primary/midterm" returns party

COURSE GRADING STANDARD:

50% weekly quizzes from reading assignments

10% 2-page comparative government essay

10%volunteer work

10%letter to an editor/legislator

10%Presidential cabinet weekly briefing

10%class participation

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Cost per semester: \$100

Material/Admin fees per semester: \$15

Min. number of students: 5 Max. number of students: 20

Text: Never Before in History, by G. Amos (approx. \$35)

**Understanding the U.S. Constitution, consumable workbook
(Gr. 5-8, Mark Twain Media, Inc. approx. \$10 - both available
Rainbow Press)**

*****Plus, student must have internet access for the duration of the course**

Instructor: Mrs. Lynn Vakay

Lynn Vakay is the wife of Paul Vakay III and the mother of Daniel (17) and Noelle (15). For the past 12 years she has been learning and growing through the study of God's Word and has been transformed in her thinking. Her favorite attribute of God is his sovereignty. Her favorite chapter in the Bible is Philippians 3.

Besides doctrine, theology, and apologetics, Lynn's favorite past-time is teaching and studying history and public policy. Though she spent several years as an "intellectual" college student at Pepperdine and Baylor University, she is quick to say that she received her "real" education of these subjects while home educating her two children for the past 13 years! She has taught two "unique" Jr./Sr. High School Government classes both of which were purposely taught during a presidential election year so as to excite the curiosity of the students and get them directly involved in the election process. She has compiled her own "hands on, classically styled, lively discussion filled" curriculum. Not only has she done extensive reading and research on our national government, but she has also served as a delegate for the Republican Party of California. She is also a "retired in order to be a full time mom" SAG actress with several small screen and theatre credits on her resume!

This is a single semester course and is worth 5 units. A grade will be issued by the instructor at the end of the semester.

Civics Registration Form

The cost of this course involves a COURSE Fee, MATERIAL/ADMIN. Fee and a Co-op Fee. Checks for all three must be submitted with this registration form.

Only the course fee can be paid in installments.

ALL payment checks MUST BE INCLUDED with this form but dated as shown below.

1. Payment of Course Fee: MAKE PAYABLE TO LYNN VAKAY

1 ck. in the amt. of \$100 due at time of reg. OR

2 cks. in the amt. of \$50 due at the time of reg.

(please date one the date of reg. and the other 11/1/07)

2. Payment of Material/ADMIN Fee: MAKE PAYABLE TO CASH

1 ck. in the amt. of \$15 due at time of reg.

3. Payment of Co-op Fee: MAKE PAYABLE TO CASH

1 ck. in the amt. of \$8 due at time of reg.

Tear off & return with **ALL PAYMENT CHECKS** mentioned above, plus **SASE** to:

Melody Knight

27141 Rexford Pl., Valencia, CA 91354

Questions?

zmelody@pacbell.net

Registration Dates:

6/1-6/15/07

and

8/27-8/30/07

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Parent's Names

Phone No.

Email

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Student's Name

Grade

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