

CIVICS [Civics (fall) must be taken with Economics (spring)]

Grades: 9-12

Course Description:

This is a one-semester (fall) course meeting once a week. We will focus on the foundations of our American government, our founding documents, federal, state and local government. 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 field trips (required and optional) to such places as local campaign headquarters, local crisis pregnancy center, 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

Cost per semester: \$100

Material/Admin fees per semester: \$15

Min. number of students: 8

Max. number of students: 20

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

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: Professor Christopher C. Lash

Prof. Lash has taught American History at the college level for 16 years. In all that time he has yearned to teach from a Christian worldview. By God's grace, he has been a believer in Christ for 28 years. Prior to being saved, he was an intellectual using humanistic reason in an attempt to refute the claims of Christ. His professional career has been to witness to colleagues and students who are the very same type of person he was prior to being saved. We know that no one can be reasoned into the kingdom of God. However, it is the believer's duty to shine the light of the Gospel into the civic arena. Not to persuade people to join a political party, become pro-life, or clean up their language (as important as these things are) but to show them Jesus Christ. His favorite chapter and verse in the Bible is Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Besides teaching and studying history Prof. Lash's favorite past-time is travel.

(See next page for Registration Form)

CIVICS Registration Form

1. **Payment of COURSE Fee:** MAKE CHECK(S) PAYABLE TO CHRISTOPHER LASH. ALL CHECKS DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.
1 check in the amount of \$100 due at time of registration, OR
2 checks in the amount of \$50 (1st check with registration date and 2nd check dated 1/1/11), OR

2. **Payment of MATERIAL/ADMIN Fees:** MAKE CHECK(S) PAYABLE TO CASH.
1 check in the amount of \$15 due at time of registration

3. **Payment of CO-OP Fees:** MAKE CHECK(S) PAYABLE TO CASH.
1 check in the amount of \$16 due at time of registration, OR
2 checks in the amount of \$8 (1st check with registration date and 2nd check dated 1/1/11).

Tear off and return bottom form with ALL PAYMENT CHECKS mentioned above, plus SASE to:

Susan Todd, 28330 Gibraltar Lane, Castaic, CA 91384
Questions? Email Susan at SusanTodd@mail.com

REGISTRATION DATES: 6/1/10 – 6/15/10 AND 8/27/10 – 8/31/10

CIVICS REGISTRATION

Parent Name

Phone No.

Email: _____@_____

Student Name(s):

Grade:

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