

Government S. Marshall

Welcome and Head Start on the 2018-2019 Reading!

Welcome to the wonderful world of Government! I hope you find this new Government class as interesting as I. We will have one full year to explore the fundamental principles and values of our free society. It is my wish that you will develop a profound understanding and appreciation of the foundation that our government was built upon. You will have the opportunity to work hard, develop critical thinking skills increase your writing skills and increase your reading and comprehension skills. I look forward to many good discussions that will keep you engaged and on topic. You will be involved in group work that will lead to a greater understanding of the content. You will engage in independent research assignments that will add a more profound understanding of the text content. Of course I will enjoy reading your papers, listening to your ideas and watching you grow as an American citizen with the capability of making better decisions as an adult.

As one can see, we have a busy year ahead, therefore, it is essential to **get a head start** by reading from the list of books below. After your reading is complete you will be ready to begin the conversations related to the question of whether we have too much government or too little government involvement in our lives.

It is my fondest hope to instill the desire to preserve our American heritage and to instill the desire to become an active participant in our democratic republican process. I look forward to working with all of you during the 2018-2019 school year.

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In preparation for this year-long adventure, you are to read two books: ***George Washington's Secret Six (The Spy Ring That Saved the American Revolution)*** by **Brian Kilmeade**.

George Washington's Secret Six journal is due on September 12, 2018.

Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Pattillo Beals

In 1957, Melba Pattillo turned sixteen. Melba was one of nine teenagers chosen to integrate Little Rock's Central High School. You will experience the many horrible ordeals that this brave 16 year old endured. She did not quit!

A fantastic read!

Warriors Don't Cry journal is due on January 25, 2019.

Nook/Kindle books are usually quite a bit cheaper than paperback books.

You must create your reading journal for *each book* that you read. *As you read*, you are to **keep a Reading**

Reading Response Journal: (Both Books)

On the date that the journal is due you will take a comprehension test on the book. As you read make sure that you jot down interesting people, events, thoughts, cause and effects,....anything that you think might be on a test.

Mrs. Marshall's Civics Supply List and Wish List

Please remember to bring these items the first week of school:

Supply List:

- 1 Notebook to be used only for Government
- 1 Pack of paper (no ragged edges turned in)
- 1 Flash drive to store information (does not have to be just for Civics)
- 2 Blue or Black ink pens
- 3 Highlighter that is not yellow
- 1 File folder to keep in the classroom

Wish List

Any classroom supplies that you would like to donate would be appreciated.

- Paper towels
- Puffs
- Dry Erase markers
- Air Wick refills
- Hand sanitizer (huge)