

Welcome to Mrs. Marshall's U. S. Government Adventure!

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 deeper understanding of the content. You will engage in independent research assignments that will add a more profound appreciation of the 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, if you are in my honors class, you must read the two books named below. It is essential to get a head start so the due dates do not creep up on you at the last minute.

We want to begin our year long conversation directed toward answering the question ***"Do we have too much government or too little government involvement in our daily lives?"***.

It is my fondest hope to instill the desire in each student to preserve our American heritage and to instill the aspiration to become an active participant in our democratic republican process.

I look forward to working with all of you during the 2019-2020 school year.

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HONOR CLASSES:

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 30, 2020.

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 12, 2021.

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 Response Journal***: (For 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 helpful in preparation for the test.

ALL CLASSES:

Mrs. Marshall's U. S. Government's Supply and Wish Lists:

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

Supply List:

1 Notebook to be used only for Government: see example above

1 Small Pack of paper (no ragged edges turned in)

2 Blue or Black ink pens

Highlighters (must be replaced as needed)

- 1 **Orange** Highlighter- to indicate the claim
- 1 **Green** Highlighter- to indicate evidence to support the claim
- 1 **Pink** Highlighter- to indicate outside information
- 1 **Blue** Highlighter- to indicate claim restated in closing paragraph
- 1 **Yellow** Highlighter- for you to use on any other materials but **never on work or tests turned in to me**

1 File folder to keep in the classroom

1 Pack of flash cards

Wish List:

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

- ✓ Puffs with lotion
- ✓ Paper Towels
- ✓ Air wick replacement scents
- ✓ Hand sanitizer
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Dry Erase Markers
- ✓ Dry Erase Eraser for white board