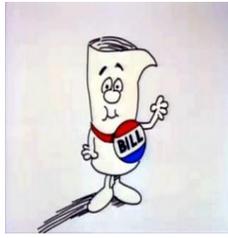
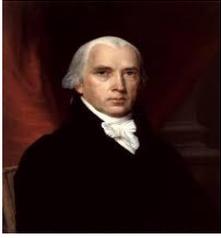


IT'S ALL ABOUT CIVICS!

Civics is the study of rights and duties citizens.



OUR COURSE OBJECTIVES: The ultimate goal of this class is to provide students with a well-rounded understanding of how the United States functions as a country. Students will explore the rights and responsibilities of American citizens and the inner workings of our federal, state and local governments, ultimately empowering themselves as citizens in a democracy.

“SO, MR. G., WHY IS THIS CLASS SO IMPORTANT?”

Well, for starters, there is the Sandra Day O’Connor Act. This law states that starting this year, all middle school students must pass a Civics EOC (end of the course) exam. This is a statewide, standardized test much like the other tests taken in April on a computer. By law this test will count for 30% of your final grade in this class. I will be posting documents on my website to explain more about how this test is structured. There are no surprises, we know what will be tested, and this class primarily focuses on that content.

Just as important is the fact that one day this 7th grade class will run our country, so you need to start learning how the whole thing works. The knowledge and skills you acquire in this class will help prepare you to be a working part of a 21st century United States of America. We will use technology often in this class and individual, written responses will be incorporated into every lesson. There will also be a heavy emphasis on developing reading skills and strategies. All lessons will be differentiated to ensure that students of all levels are making learning goals.

Parents are encouraged to check the website to know what material we are covering in class. An initial pacing guide for the year is posted on the site. I will promptly respond to any concern sent to my email. The normal grading scale in the Franklin Academy Handbook applies to this class, except the EOC must be factored in at 30%.

I will provide every student with the tools needed to succeed in this class and to be prepared for the EOC.

“SOUNDS TOO SERIOUS!”

Relax! This will be a class that allows you to reach your full potential. It will be a fun time. I have taught this subject for years and I have learned many interesting ways to present the material along the way. I’ll probably learn more this year! There is no need to be worried about anything.



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