

Problems of Democracy / Economics		
Location	Room 203	
Instructor	Miss Giles	
Planning Period	Period: Phone: (724) 662 -5104 <table border="1" style="float: right; margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Parent Teacher Conferences may be scheduled through the Guidance Department.</td> </tr> </table>	Parent Teacher Conferences may be scheduled through the Guidance Department.
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Description	Problems of Democracy is an overview of government. Topics examined include origins of government, federalism, political parties, elections, interest groups, mass media, the three branches of our federal government and Pennsylvania state government. Economics is designed to teach students through their everyday lives. Concepts of both macro and micro economics will be discussed as we view how economics plays a large role in society at all levels.	
Texts:	Textbooks: United States Government: Democracy in Action, Economics: Principles in Action	
Materials:	Pencil, Book cover, Notebook, Chromebook	
Homework Policy and Philosophy	<p>*All homework is to be completed by the due date.</p> <p>*Should you be absent from class, obtaining assignments and turning in assignments are your responsibility.</p> <p>*Assignments from excused absences will be turned in on the due date or the penalty applies.</p> <p>*Students on a pre-approved trip/field trip of one period, one day, or multiple days should request assignments <u>before leaving</u> on the trip. The due date for assignments applies if you are in school at any time even though you may not be in class.</p> <p>*Work not turned in or not completed results in a zero, incomplete, or failure. Incomplete homework will result in a 5 point deduction per assignment from the homework grade for the first two missed assignments, followed by a 10 point deduction thereafter. Once homework points are at zero, each additional assignment will be assessed a 10 point value added to the total of the homework grade.</p> <p>*Cheating results in an automatic 10 point deduction.</p>	
Grading	Grades (total points earned) are based on the following evaluations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tests and quizzes • homework • comprehensive, sequential notebook (Course Requirement) • participation • final project 	

<p>Classroom Rules</p>	<p>*Be on time. Late to Class: A warning is given the first time. Detention is given every time thereafter.</p> <p>*EVERYDAY bring these items: textbook, folder, homework, pencil, and <u>charged Chromebook</u>. As you enter the class, go to your seat and prepare for class. <u>Failure to bring the required material will result in detention</u>. Chromebooks should be charged and brought to class EVERYDAY. No games are to be played on the Chromebooks during the class period.</p> <p>*When you are absent, it is your responsibility to get any notes or make up work.</p> <p>*Inappropriate behavior or sleeping in class will not be tolerated. Refer to the Student Handbook for the Discipline Code. No warnings will be given, only detentions.</p> <p>*Textbooks must be covered by the first Friday of class and remain covered all year. Lack of a book cover will be a deduction from homework points.</p> <p>*Notebooks will be collected and graded. Scrap paper or single sheets <u>will not</u> be graded. Keep all class material in your folder.</p> <p>*Different test may be given in each class.</p> <p>*Make-up tests will be a different test version. Make-up tests will be given your next day back to class.</p> <p>*Absolutely no candy, lollipops, food, snacks, etc.</p> <p>*NO EXTRA CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN.</p>	
	<p>List of topics:</p> <p>Subject: POD</p> <p>Chapter 1 Government in our Lives Chapter 2 Creation of the Federal Government Chapter 3 The Constitution Chapter 4 The Federal System Chapter 16 Political Parties Chapter 17 Elections and voting Chapter 18 Interest Groups Chapter 19 Media and Public Opinion Chapter 5 The Organization of Congress Chapter 6-7 Congress at Work Chapter 8 The Presidency Chapter 8-9 The Cabinet and the EOP Chapter 11 The Federal Court System Chapter 12 The Supreme Court Review and Midterm Exam</p>	<p>Subject: Econ</p> <p>Chapter 1 Intro to Econ Chapter 2 Economic Systems Chapter 4 Demand Chapter 5 Supply Chapter 6 Price Chapter 8 Types of Business Chap 10/13 Money, Banking, Inflation Chapter 16: The Federal Reserve</p> <p>Subject: State Government PA State Government</p> <p>Review and Economics Midterm</p>
