

U.S. GOVERNMENT  
MR. HAYSE

Welcome to American Government. This class will provide you with the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the past events in history that helped make our Government/Nation what it is today. This class will progress from Early types of Government, Founding Fathers, Declaration of Independence/Constitution, 3 Branches of Government, and end with the idea of Citizenship. We will look at current/past events and an awareness of the impact of many diverse cultures as we study U.S. Government. With the content we cover, you will gain an enormous amount of power. This power means nothing unless you learn to “think critically”. During the Semester you will make comparisons, determine relevance, ask questions, recognize assumptions, and use many more “thinking skills” that will make your mind powerful. It is only when you combine knowledge with the ability to think that you become an aware contributing member of society.

We will spend a great deal of time learning new vocabulary words and applying them to everyday conversations. You will become both speakers and listeners in this class. Study skills are important for success in whatever you do. One of the first areas we will cover this year is good study habits. These will form a foundation for discipline in your studies for the rest of your life. After all, We should all strive to be “life-long-leaners”.

HOW YOU WILL BE GRADED

45%-Test/Quiz

45%-Class/Homework

10% Effort/Projects

WHAT YOU NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL

\*Paper, Pen, and Effort every day

\*Organized notebook

\*Class assignments turned in on time

\*Participation in class

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read the Syllabus for Mr. Hayse’s class and am aware of the content and expectations.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ have read the Syllabus for this class. I understand that if I have any questions I can reach Mr. Hayse at 575-5450 or Jonathan.Hayse@yourcharlotteschools.net