

# ***U.S. Government*** - Grades 7-12

H.S. Social Studies or Elective credit



*“Government big enough to supply everything you need is big enough to take everything you have . . . . The course of history shows that as a government grows, liberty decreases.”*

**-Thomas Jefferson**

## **First Semester Objective:**

To motivate and infect students with a lifetime appetite to understand and participate in the proper functioning of the government at the Federal, state, and local levels

## **First Semester Content:**

- Students will learn the amazing wisdom in the United States Constitution
- Students will learn the importance of the Bill of Rights to our lives today
- Students will learn about the “Electoral College” & why it’s being attacked today
- Students will see why the United States is such an exceptional & blessed place
- Students will explore the uniqueness of our three branches of government
- Students will understand the history and purpose of U.S. political parties
- Students will learn the basics of the federal, state, & local divisions of government
- Students will study the importance of citizenship, and why legal and illegal immigration are such important political issues today
- Students will explore the importance of the U.S. Supreme Court in history and why Supreme Court nomination processes are so politically-charged today
- Students will be taught how to become active and engaged citizens of the U.S.

**First Semester: \$200 (No textbook needed)**

**Included in the cost of the class is a 100-page notebook for the students' future use and reference.**

*“If you’re not a liberal at 20, you have no heart. If you’re not a conservative at 40, you have no brain.”*

**-Winston Churchill**

**Instructor: Karen Kiser**

- B.S. Secondary Education
- 20+ years teaching experience
- Mother of 8 children
- Attends Calvary Church (GR)
- Enjoyable classes with high standards
- Leads annual summer trips to Europe