

# American Government/Personal Finance

## Grades 9-12

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### Teacher Information:

Juris Doctorate Degree from University of Tulsa  
Practiced Law for over 30 years in OKC

### Tuition:

\$40 per month

This class will focus on American Government for 20 weeks and Personal Finance for 14 weeks.

In America, everything that we do in our everyday life is touched upon by the Constitution of the United States and our American government. It protects our liberties and it protects our freedom of speech. It protects our religion. To be ignorant of our rights is to risk losing them. This semester we would look at the presidential election and impeachment from a constitutional perspective. This one-semester course covers the ideals that led to the foundation of the American Republic. We will focus on the American creed and protecting freedom as our birthright. Students will examine the founding documents and the ideas behind them. We will dissect the inner workings of government and analyze concepts such as the separation of power among the branches. Students will learn why it is vital to participate in civil affairs. Classroom participation is critical. Students will be required to read the text, take notes and answer text questions. There will be some essays included.

### Texts:

*The Constitution Made Easy* by Michael Holler. (Teacher has extra textbooks available on a first come-first served basis.)

*Ameritopia* by Mark Levin. (Teacher has extra textbooks available on a first come-first served basis.)

*We Still Hold These Truths* by Matthew Spalding (paperback);

*Liberty, Order, and Justice* by James McClellan (paperback)

**NOTE: ALL TEXTBOOKS FOR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CAN BE DOWNLOADED VIA THE INTERNET**

*Foundations in Personal Finance, High School Edition*, Dave Ramsey, ISBN #978-1-936-94819-2

### Additional requirements:

Internet access, E-mail, Word Processing, Library access and a working printer.