**HIGH SCHOOL**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**Student's Name:**

**Grade:** **Credits:** 10 **Semester Course:** X

**Full Year Course:**

**Start Date:** **End Date:**

**Course Title:** Civics

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Biblical Overview

• Biblical Principles of Government...How did God design government? What is the Christian's

responsibility in relation to government?

Topics

• Introduction...necessity of government, obligations of government, obligations of governed

• Forms of Government...types of government, American government, Democracy - brief history,

characteristics, conditions for a healthy democracy

• Christianity, Church & Government...Christianity & government in history, church and state,

pluralism

• Constitution...how it began, principles, articles & amendments

• Federal, State & Local Government...partitions of power, development, problems, interstate and

intergovernmental relationships

• Structure & Power of Congress...constitutional framework, legislative workings, enumerated

powers, implied & non-legislative powers, denied powers, criticism

• Presidency...the road to the white house, nomination, election, inauguration, powers, executive

organization, pitfalls & greatness

• Bureaucracy...development, structure, realities

• Foreign Policy...goals, challenges, policymakers

• Judiciary... the court system in America

• Civil Rights & Responsibilities...Civil liberties - freedom of religion, speech & press, assembly &

**Curriculum**

American Government, 3rd edition, BJU Press 2014

American Government, student activities, 4th edition, BJU Press

The Truth Project video series, Focus on the Family