**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