



Mr. Macmillan

Civic Literacy

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Class Overview: In this class we will learn about the history and functions of the U.S., North Carolina, and local governments, and the ways in which people interact with and influence the government. This course is required for graduation, and has a Guilford County Final Exam at the end of the course.

Class Rules:

- **Come Prepared** - Come to every class on time. You need all materials listed below every class period..
- **Do your best** - minimize distractions, stay focused, ask for help when you need it.
- **Respect your peers** - no bullying, no cursing, no disrespect.
- **Ask questions** - Mr. Macmillan is here to help whenever you need it.
- **Phones:** *keep them in your bags on silent. No music unless during independent work.*

Materials: you should keep all class materials in the classroom.

- Pen/Pencil
- 3-Ring Binder
- Notebook
- 100 Flashcards
- Laptop and charger (provided by school)

Grading:

- **Class Participation:** 20% - daily bellringers, formative assessments, flashcards, preparedness
- **Classwork:** 25% - classwork packets, reading assignments, worksheets
- **Quiz Grades:** 25% - vocabulary and content quizzes, ACES assignments
- **Test Grades:** 30% - unit tests, inquiries, research projects

Most assignments will be submitted on Canvas. Paper assignments must be submitted with the student's name, date of the assignment, and the assignment name clearly written at the top of the paper.

Late work/corrections/cheating

1. Late work will have a 10% penalty per day late.
2. Students can complete corrections for every assignment to gain back 1/2 of points lost.
3. Unless otherwise noted, all work must be original student work and cannot be copied from the internet or another student. Cheating will result in an automatic 0 on the assignment.

Mr. Macmillan is available for phone calls, meetings, or tutoring outside of ordinary class times upon request by student or parent. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions:

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- Talking Points
- Phone: (336) 674-4250 ext. 03556610

Grading Rubric Samples

Classwork Grading Rubric

	Excellent	Good	Poor
Annotations	Annotations include all three of the following elements: star for main point, highlighting important sections, explanations of how paragraphs or sentences relate to the main point. (3 pts)	Annotations include 2 of the following elements: star for main point, highlighting important sections, explanations of how paragraphs or sentences relate to the main point.	Annotations include one or less of following elements: star for main point, highlighting important sections, explanations of how paragraphs or sentences relate to the main point.
Responses	Responses are in original language and connect to reading (2 pts)	Responses are connected to the reading (2 pts)	Responses are not connected to reading. (2 pts)

ACES Writing Assignment

	Excellent	Good	Poor
Appearance	(2 pts) Writing clear, neat, and organized.	(1 pts) 2 of the following present: Writing clear, neat, and organized.	(0 pts) >2 of following missing
Answer the Question and Cite Evidence	(4 pts) Question answered clearly with a strong argument, 2 pieces of evidence quoted properly and relevant to argument.	(2 pts) Question answered clearly, 2 pieces of evidence are quoted and relevant to the argument.	(1 pts) Answer unclear, evidence is quoted improperly and/or irrelevant to argument.
Explain Evidence and Summary	(4 pts): Explanations clearly connect evidence to main argument, summary connects back to central argument	(2 pts): Explanations connect evidence to main argument, summary present	(1 pts): Explanations do not connect evidence to main argument, and/or summary missing.

Warm-Up Rubric

	Excellent	Good	Poor
Completion	Page organized properly, all warm-ups included, all tasks completed, all responses correct using complete sentences. (3 pts)	Page organized properly, all warm-ups included, all tasks completed. (2 pts)	Missing >1 warm up, tasks incomplete. (1 pts)
Quality	Responses show strong effort and are well thought out (2 pts.)	Responses show effort. (1 pts)	Responses lack effort or understanding. (0 pts)

Vocab Tables Rubric

	Excellent	Good	Poor
Completion	All sections of vocab table complete (5 pts)	<2 sections missing (3 pts)	>3 sections missing (1 pts)
Sentence/drawing	Word used in sentence/drawing that shows a clear understanding of word in context (5 pts)	Word used in sentence/drawing. (3 pts)	Word not used in sentence/drawing. (1 pts)