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Overview of **AMERICAN GOVERNMENT and ECONOMICS** (Grades 10-12)

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Required Texts:

- **United States Constitution** – Full Text with Supplementary Materials (Blaisdell – Dover); ISBN-13: 978-0486471662
- **The Everything American Government Book** by Nick Ragone; ISBN-13: 9781593370558
- **The Everything Economics Book** by David Mayer and Melanie Fox; ISBN-13 978-1440506024

SSI Class Fee: \$40 (see additional note below)

Supplies Needed:

- Texts
- Access to a Bible and Bible concordance (such as *Strong's*)
- Access to a typewriter or computer
- Access to a newspaper and online sources for current events

Course Description:

This challenging but rewarding class will begin by looking briefly at the price that was paid to obtain American liberty. We will then study the character and original writings of many Founding Fathers and the intent of the Constitution as well as, the US Constitution, paying particular attention to what really is there and what is not there. The second half of the class will historical and biblical concepts of economics. We will study the increasing involvement of government in the economy and the impact of policy decisions on the economy. Weekly research and discussions of how current events reflect on the material that we are studying will also be part of the grading process. Students should read and comprehend at upper-high school level and be prepared to research and hand in weekly homework assignments, including essays (some instructions on essay, research and writing will be included).

* All Humanities, Speech and Government students will be required to participate in an On-Site Student Statesmanship Institute (SSI) during the year

Grading: The grade for this course will be weighted by the following:

Quizzes	10%
Chapter Outlines	15%
Essays	30%
Presentation	20%
Examinations	25%

Grading Scale

90-100%	=A
80-89%	=B
70-79%	=C
60-69%	=D
Less than 60%	=E