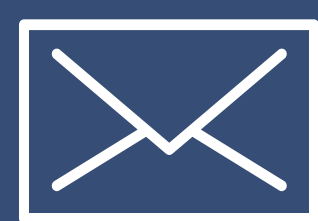




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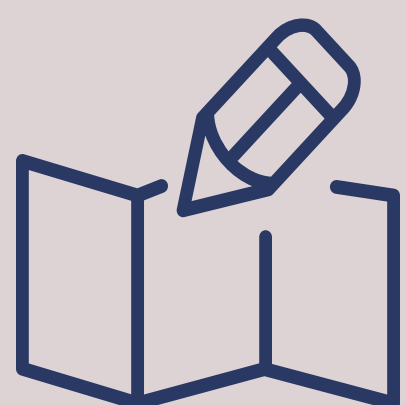
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Units of Study

AP U.S. Government and Politics is a college-level year-long course that not only seeks to prepare students for success on the AP Exam in May, but also provide students with the political knowledge and reasoning processes to participate meaningfully and thoughtfully in discussions and debates that are currently shaping American politics and society.

Unit 1



Foundations
of American
Democracy

15-22% of exam

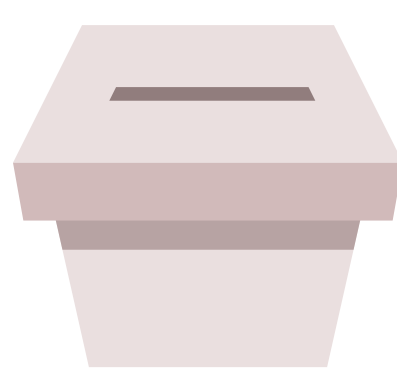
Unit 2



Interactions
Among the
Branches of
Government

25-36% of exam

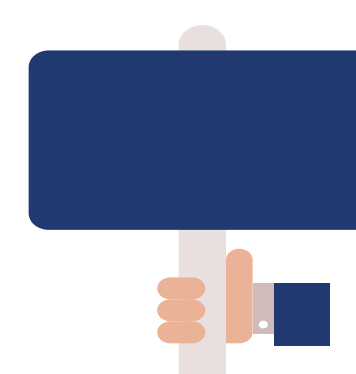
Unit 3



Political
Participation

20-27% of exam

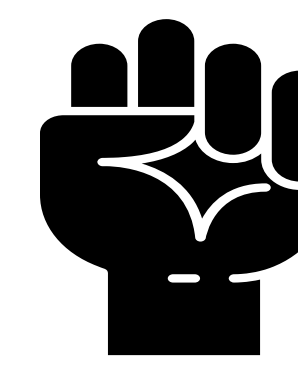
Unit 4



American
Political
Ideologies and
Beliefs

10-15% of exam

Unit 5



Civil Liberties
and Civil
Rights

13-18% of exam

Class Expectations

- treat peers and the instructor with respect
- follow the school code of conduct
- arrive to class on time
- come to class prepared to learn
- keep notes organized

STUDENT RESOURCES



Academic Support Time

When: Lunch (pd 5) @ 11am
Where: Room 164



Covid Quarantine Support

If you are out due to quarantine and have let the school know, this session will serve as your time to receive support via Zoom.

When: Period 2, 8:15-9am
Where: Stelzner Quarantine Zoom Session

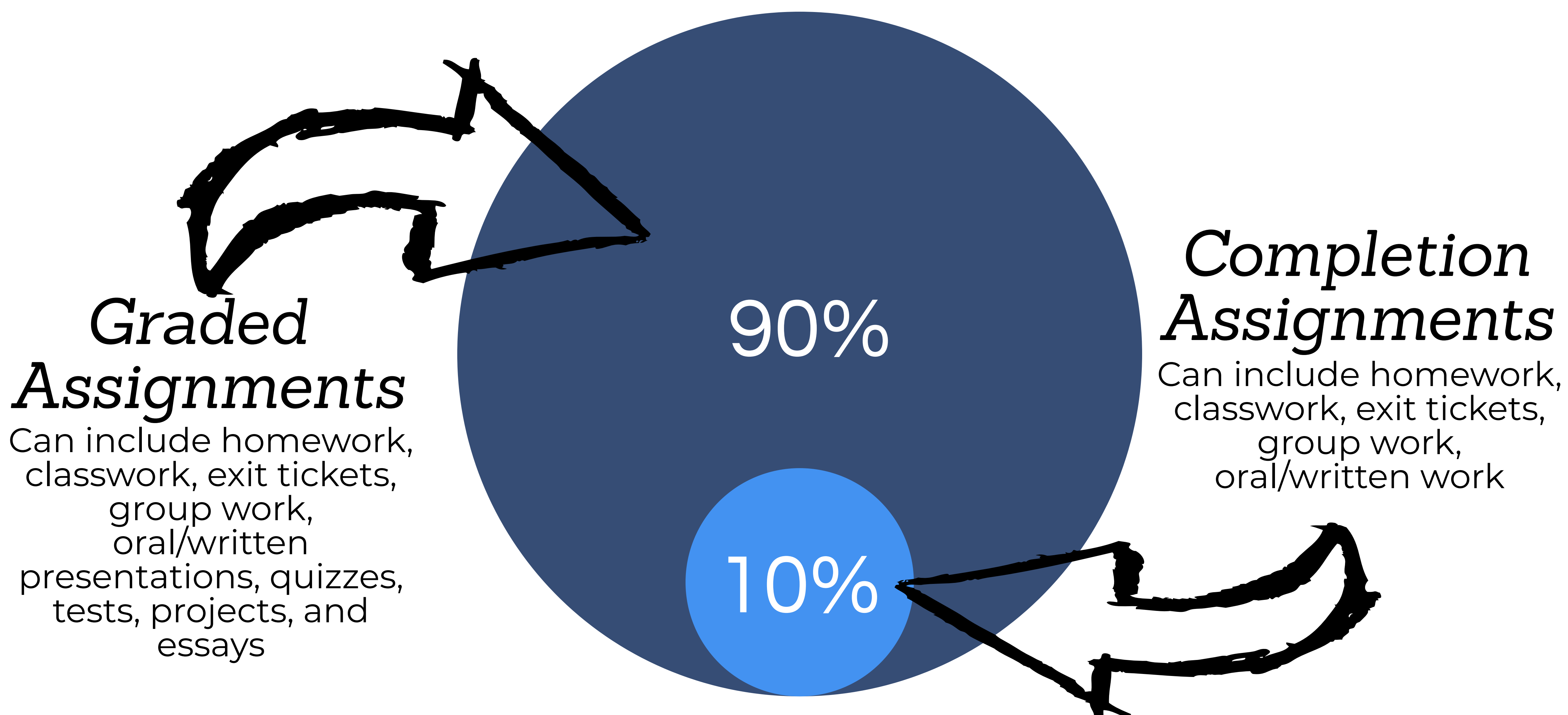
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Grading Policy

Your understanding of the material is the most important factor, not your grade. This class can earn you college credit and is assessed as a college course.



FAQ

Other classroom policies that will help guide student behavior and engagement this year.

Can I submit late work?

Late work will be accepted by the stated deadline with a 10% penalty. Communication is key! If something is preventing you from getting your work done, please talk to me so we can work out a plan that is best for you!

Can I redo work if I don't like the grade?

Yes! Students will be able to redo work on assignments as needed. For tests, students will engage in metacognitive reassessment, by looking over their multiple choice quizzes and writing reflections on the content and process. This activity will earn them points back on their original quiz. Students will need to formally request reassessment and will need to bring their notes to go over and use.

What do I do if I'm absent from class for a non-Covid reason?

Students are responsible for making up all worked missed while they are absent from class. Work must be made up within three days of returning to school. Students should check MyMCPS Classroom and with Ms. Stelzner to receive copies of all handouts, notes, and assignments missed during the absence. Students should make arrangements to get extra help during lunch academic support time.

What textbook will we be using this year?

We will use an open source college-level American government textbook created by professors at Rice University. American Government 3e will be provided to students electronically through MyMCPS Classroom.

Will we have homework and studying to do outside of class?

For most of you, this is your first AP class. You should know that this is a college-level class and expectations for students will be high. You are expected to read and do the homework in order to be prepared for class. Homework may not always be checked, but it is assigned in order to aid understanding of the content and skills. I will work with you to develop good study habits, but you must also start to make good choices - pay attention in class, do all the homework, and meet with me before the test when you have a questions.