

PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY III
Course Outline: 3455

I. Textbook Assignment:

American Government: Freedom, Rights, and Responsibilities (5.0 credits)

- Read: Chapters 1-20.
- For each chapter complete:
 1. “Comprehension” **and** “Vocabulary” exercises
 2. “Skill Builder” sections, when they appear.
- Complete one of the Extension Activities listed below.

I. Extension Activity Options:

1. Use the Internet and search the website of the political party of your choice. Some of the major parties include Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, Reform, and Green Party. You may visit the political party index at: www.politicalindex.com. Write a 4-paragraph essay based upon your research about the party’s beliefs and purpose. Also discuss why you would or would not want to belong to that political party. Use Writing Rubric Exp. III.
2. Use the Internet to research a topic of interest from the textbook. Complete a PowerPoint presentation of at least 5-7 slides based upon your research. Some suggested topics include the branches of government, how a bill becomes a law, or the Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education Supreme Court case.
3. Complete a timeline of at least 10 main events that led to the establishment of our current form of government. You may use Microsoft WORD, PowerPoint or poster paper to present your comprehensive timeline that would reflect the significant events surrounding the establishment of our democracy. Include a one-sentence caption with each event.
4. Teacher generated activity, approved by the site administrator.

III. Evaluation

- See your teacher for a unit test.
- All writing assignments must meet the proficient level of the rubric provided by the teacher.
- All textbook work must meet 70% accuracy level for a “C” grade.