

## Government Syllabus

Class No.	Date	Covered in Class	Assignment	Assignment Due
N/A	N/A	N/A	Read Unit 1 on pages 3-30 in Textbook Read pgs. 1-10 in WHTT <sup>1</sup> Memorize Romans 13:1-2 <sup>2</sup>	8/22/23
1	8/22/23	Unit 1	Read Unit 2 on pages 31-60 Read pgs. 17-29 in WHTT Unit 1 Quiz Memorize Romans 13:1-3	8/29/23
2	8/29/23	Unit 2	Read Unit 3 on pages 61-90 Read pgs. 30-57 in WHTT Unit 2 Quiz Memorize Romans 13:1-4	9/5/23
3	9/5/23	Unit 3	Read Unit 4 on pages 91-122 Read pgs. 58-85 in WHTT Unit 3 Quiz Memorize Romans 13:1-5	9/12/23
4	9/12/23	Unit 4	Read Unit 5 on pages 123-152 Read pgs. 86-103 in WHTT Unit 4 Quiz Memorize Romans 13:1-6	9/19/23
5	9/19/23	Unit 5	Read Unit 6 on pages 153-186 Read pgs. 104-116 in WHTT Unit 5 Quiz <b>First Government Exam (Units 1-5)</b> Memorize and recite Romans 13:1-7	9/26/23
6	9/26/23	Unit 6 Romans 13:1-7 Recitations	Read Unit 7 on pages 187-216 Read pgs. 117-127 in WHTT Unit 6 Quiz	10/3/23
7	10/3/23	Unit 7	Read Unit 8 on pages 217-246 Read pgs. 127-133 in WHTT Unit 7 Quiz	10/10/23

<sup>1</sup> WHTT = *We Hold These Truths* supplement

<sup>2</sup> You may memorize this in any bible translation of your choosing.

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8	10/10/23	Unit 8	Read Unit 9 on pages 247-274 Read pgs. 134-140 in WHTT Unit 8 Quiz	10/17/23
9	10/17/23	Unit 9	Read Unit 10 on pages 275-299 <sup>3</sup> Read pg. 141 in WHTT Read Virginia State Constitution <sup>4</sup> <a href="http://law.lis.virginia.gov/constitutionfull">http://law.lis.virginia.gov/constitutionfull</a> Unit 9 Quiz	10/24/23
10	10/24/23	Unit 10	Read Unit 11 on pages 305-332 Read pgs. 144-148 in WHTT Unit 10 Quiz <b>Second Government Exam (Units 6-10)</b>	10/31/23
11	10/31/23	Unit 11	Read Unit 12 on pages 333-358 Read pgs. 154-162 in WHTT Unit 11 Quiz	11/7/23
12	11/7/23	Unit 12 Taxes <sup>5</sup>	Finish Unit 12 reading <b>**No Quiz Due next week Last Week to attend local government mtg</b>	11/14/23  11/21/23
13	11/14/23	Unit 12 Spending	Read Unit 13 on pages 359-386 Read pgs. 163-176 in WHTT Unit 12 Quiz	11/28/23
Thanksgiving Break – No Classes				
14	11/28/23	Unit 13	Read Unit 14 on pages 387-414 Read pgs. 177-191 in WHTT Unit 13 Quiz	12/5/23
15	12/5/23	Unit 14	Read Unit 15 on pages 415-442 Read pgs. 192-222 in WHTT Unit 14 Quiz	12/12/23
16	12/12/23	Unit 15	Unit 15 Quiz <b>Third Government Exam (Units 11-15)</b>	12/19/23
<b>End of Semester</b>				

Final exams may be mailed or emailed to the Instructor by the due date.

<sup>3</sup> I am deliberately skipping the section on Marketing a State.

<sup>4</sup> If you live in Tennessee, you may read the TN Constitution instead. <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/about/docs/tn-constitution.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> Guest lecture on taxes by Andrew Youhas, JD/CPA.

## **Class Policies**

- Grades will be based on the following criteria: 40% Exams, 15% Class Participation, 35% Quizzes, 10% Local Government Meeting Attendance & Report.
- Exams will be handed out in class in a sealed envelope. (If a student is not in class when exams are handed out, a parent will need to request a copy of the exam and the instructor will email a copy of the exam to the parent.) Students should not break the seal until they are ready to take the exam and a parent is available to proctor. To protect the integrity of the exam, students need to return exams to the instructor in an envelope sealed under a parent signature. All other assignments are open book and do not require an envelope, signature, or proctoring.
- Quizzes will be handed out in class approximately two weeks ahead of their due date so students may work ahead if they wish or if they know they will be out of town. Quizzes can also be requested via email. It is recommended that students take the quizzes while reading through the chapter. All quizzes are open book.
- Class will begin promptly at Noon. Please be in your seat ready to begin by 11:59 AM. If you are unavoidably late, please enter class as unobtrusively as possible.
- All assignments are to be turned in during class by the due date in class unless otherwise specified. I really appreciate students using staples to keep their multi-page assignments together. If the student is not in class that day, please email the instructor a scanned copy of the assignment by Noon the day the assignment is due. Graded tests and quizzes will be returned the following week.
- Unless a parent emails the instructor in advance to make alternative arrangements, late assignments will be assessed a 10% penalty per day. Assignments more than 3 days late will be given a 0%.
- Grades will be emailed out two weeks following the conclusion of each semester. Students or parents may email the instructor at any time for a current running grade.
- In the event of inclement weather, classes will be held at the same class time via Zoom or Skype.
- Cell phones need to be placed in the cell phone bucket at the beginning of class with the ringer off. If I see a cell phone during class, I will confiscate it and only return it to a parent.

## **Local Government Meeting Assignment**

As part of this course, you are required to attend a meeting of your local government no later than Thanksgiving. Please plan at the beginning of the course when and where you will fulfill this assignment. The meeting you attend will depend on where you live. Identify the locality you live in so that you can attend the correct local government meeting before the deadline.

Assignment:

- Attend a local government meeting
- Get a copy of the meeting agenda
- Take notes
- Report back to the class in a 2–4-minute oral presentation on what you observed at the meeting (i.e., the format, the issues presented, how the voting went, etc.)

### Local Government Meeting Options<sup>6</sup>

Washington County VA Residents

- Board of Supervisors Meeting, 6:30 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, Government Center, Abingdon, VA See <https://www.washcova.com/board-of-supervisors/>
- Candidate Town Hall Forum, 7-9 PM, September 14, 2023, Mendota Community Center, Mendota, VA

Sullivan County TN Residents

- Board of Sullivan County Commissioners, 6 PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, Sullivan County Courthouse, 3411 Hwy 126, Blountville, TN 37617 see <https://sullivancountyttn.gov/>

Bristol TN Residents

- City Council Meeting, 7 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, Slater Community Center, 325 McDowell Street, Bristol, TN 37620 See <https://www.bristoltn.org/337/City-Council>

Bristol VA Residents

- City Council Meeting, 6 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, Council Chambers at City Hall, 300 Lee Street, Bristol, VA 24201 See <https://www.bristolva.org/223/City-Council>

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<sup>6</sup> Come talk to me if you live outside of these areas and I can help you find the appropriate local government meeting to attend.