Huntsville City Schools
Pacing Guide 2017 - 2018
Course _Government_____ Grade _12th_
First Nine Weeks

Grades 9-12th Technology Course of Study Standards
#3- Demonstrate advanced technology skills, including compressing, converting, importing, exporting, and backing up files.
#5- Utilize advanced features of spreadsheet software, including creating charts and graphs, sorting and filtering data, creating formulas, and applying functions.
#6- Utilize advanced features of multimedia software, including image, video, and audio editing.
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2017-2018
Required Writing Prompts & Standards Alignment
Social Studies
12th Grade Government

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Assignment: Our America:

Your firm has a chance to win a big design contract! You and your colleagues are each challenged to develop a national billboard campaign to promote patriotism. The only requirement by the customer is that the words "Our America" appear on the billboard.

1. Using the software tool of choice (PowerPoint, Paint, Wordle, etc)--create a 1 page prototype of your billboard.
2. You are free to use any images, colors, design that you wish--but it **MUST** include the words "Our America".
3. When completed, upload your work to me on your class Edmodo account. Save a copy of your work in your desktop folder for Government.
Assignment: Why Study Government?

One of the easiest ways to measure the impact of government on your life is to simply stop and take a snapshot of a moment in your day and list all the government rules and regulations which govern that activity. For example---ever have a hamburger for lunch? The FDA has regulations about the content of hamburger meat, the size of the pickle, the viscosity of the ketchup and thousands of other details to ensure food safety.

Upload a picture from your daily life to a word document created in your Government desktop folder. The photo can be an actual photo you have taken or a photo you find from another source. Under the photo list at least 5 ways that the government directly or indirectly regulates your life as reflected in the image that you have chosen. Save your responses and photo in the word document and upload to the Edmodo assignment box. We will examine several of the submissions in class be aware of the public viewing of your submission.
BUDGET ONLINE PROJECT

- Balancing the budget is a real challenge for the federal government. To gain a better understanding of the process---1) Follow the link to the Budget Puzzle Game. 2) When completed, upload your completed activity to the Edmodo Dropbox.


Optional Budget Activity

Have students follow the link to Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. Follow the directions on the website. After you have met the budget criteria, take a screen shot of your work and turn in to Edmodo.

http://crfb.org/stabilizethedebt/
Your assignment is to compare political party platforms on **TWO** issues from the list that follows:

- Civil Rights
- Guns
- Abortion
- Environment
- Immigration
- Ideological
- Global Issues
- Health Care

Your ultimate decision will be to decide which organization is the best recipient of your $2300 donation.

I. What topics did you select for this assignment?

II. Go to the website: [http://www.politics1.com/parties.htm](http://www.politics1.com/parties.htm) ---this is a directory of political parties.
   a. Complete the chart below for the Democrat and Republican parties by using information from their websites.
   b. Choose a third party. Complete the chart with information from the third party site.

** If the parties do not address your topic exactly—select a comparable item.

III. Final Assessment:
   1. Who had the best website? Why?
   2. Which organization are you most likely to join? Why?
   3. If you had $2,700.00 to invest in your topic of interest---which organization would you give it to? Why?
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Choose one of the topics below. Explore the news outlets to find four different points of view examining the same topic. Extreme Conservative, Conservative, Liberal, Extreme Liberal.

Note the position of each in a word document labeling each viewpoint.

Create your version of the topic with a moderate point of view.

Save in a word document and upload to the Edmodo drop box.

- Civil Rights
- Guns
- Abortion
- Environment
- Immigration
- Global Issues
- Health Care
- Same Sex Marriage
- Legalization of Marijuana

You will present your information to the class.
In our pluralistic society, interest groups are often competing for influence and members.

This exercise is an opportunity for you to select an issue of importance to you and find an interest group that represents your interest.

1. First Task: Select an Issue and Pair of Interest Groups:

Here are some possibilities:

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**Check with me if you would like to use a different issue and/or interest groups**

2. Which two groups did you select?
3. Answer the following questions?
   a. Which of the two organizations are you more likely to join? Why?
   b. Which of the two organizations do you think is more successful? Why?

4. If you were able to contribute to one interest group, who would you choose? Why?

NOTE TO TEACHERS:

You probably want to change bill numbers and the Congress number as appropriate each semester for the following Congress Project. The new Congress starting January 2017.
CONGRESS PROJECT:

I. REPRESENTATION: (25 points)

Go to www.congress.gov = www.Thomas.loc.gov

A. Go to the House of Representatives site: Go to Mo Brooks’ website.

1. Research the following
   a. What is his background?
   b. What major committees is he serving on?

2. Go to Issues. Pick an issue and explain how Brooks has responded to it. (Example Heath Care)
   Do you agree or disagree with his opinion? Why or why not?

3. Go to Helping You. In what ways can Mo Brooks help your family? Have you ever sought his help or anticipate asking for help? Why or why not?

4. How can you contact Congressman Brooks? Have you or would you? Why or why not?

B. Go to the Senate site—choose either Jeff Sessions or Richard Shelby. (25 points)

1. What is the Senator’s background?

2. What committees does he serve on?

3. Pick an issue—what is his position—how does he vote? Do you agree or disagree with it? Why or why not?

4. How can the Senator help your family?

II. LAWMAKING (20 points)

1. Go back to congress.gov---tracking legislation
   What is bill H.R 2642 about? Who sponsored it? What is its status? Would you vote for it? Why or why not?

2. Go to Roll Call (114th Congress 1st session)
   Pick either House or Senate—pick a vote—
a. List title of vote. List how your representative voted.

III. OVERSIGHT (20 points)

1. Which representative/senator do you agree with most? Is this what you expected? Why? Will you vote to reelect these men?

2. Find a recent news article about Congress (within the last month). Copy the article to attach to your project. Summarize what the article is about. How does this article relate to what we have discussed in class?

IV CONCLUSION (10 points)

What do you think about this project? Should you be scrutinizing the work of your elected representative? Do you need to avail yourself of all the tools on the Thomas website or is it enough just to read the newspaper/magazine to keep up? Or is it necessary to keep up?
Presidency Online Project

- Assignment: Click on the Living Room Candidate site below and select two commercials from each of the 1984, 1996, and 2004 elections. On a word document describe three similarities of the commercials you selected. Describe three differences in the commercials. Which commercial do you feel is the most effective and why? Which is the least effective and why? What recommendations would you make to a presidential campaign in designing presidential commercials? Upload your finished document to the Edmodo Dropbox.

http://www.livingroomcandidate.org/
Executive Branch Exploration Online Project

Get into groups of two

Research the current White House staff (available at www.whitehouse.gov) and their roles.

- Identify the heads of the fifteen cabinet offices
  - Summarize the job responsibilities of each cabinet office and the key leadership positions
- Identify the members of the Executive Office of the President
  - Provide a summary of their responsibilities
- Identify the positions in the White House Staff
  - Who occupies the positions
  - What are their job responsibilities

Each person in the group should upload the same information for grading. Please include the names of all group members.
Supreme Court Case Presentation Instructions

Prepare a 5 minute PowerPoint presentation on each case assigned. The following information on your assigned case should be included.

- Name of Case
- One picture (cartoon, etc. that relates to the case)
- Brief summary of case facts
- Chief Justice of the court rendering the decision
- Explain the essential questions and answers of the case
- Reasoning the Court used in the decision (which amendment or portion of the Constitution was cited for the basis of the decision)
- Impact on government or society (consequences of the case)
- Citation Page of Sources Consulted
- There should be at least one slide for each different topic

Once you prepare your PowerPoint presentation, save it to your desktop folder and submit it in the Edmodo Drop boxes

Be prepared to answer questions regarding your case.