Materials (every day)
A. Textbook
B. Pens and pencils
C. Notebook or loose leaf paper
D. Folder (exclusively for Civics)

Course content:
*Introduction to Civics*  
* the founding of American Government

* The Constitution  
* the Bill of rights

* the Role of the Citizen and Community Service

* Political Parties  
* Voting and Elections

This course is a prerequisite for the MN Grad Standards on Citizenship.
The standard will actually be earned in 12th grade. However, we will be doing several projects to prepare you for that standard.

Course Objectives:
1. Develop understanding of American Democracy.
2. Develop a respect for individual rights and community needs.
3. Understand the current political events and how they relate to historical issues and ideas.
4. Students will be able to explain a number of important principles of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
5. Students will learn study skills such as outlining, note taking, test preparation, highlighting, identifying key issues, working in groups...

Evaluation: Every assignment will be given point value. The points earned will be divided by the total points to arrive at a percentage grade. We will use the following scale for grading:

- 93-100% = A
- 90-92% = A-
- 87-89% = B+
- 83-86% = B
- 80-82% = B

- 77-79% = C+
- 73-76% = C
- 70-72% = C-
- 67-69% = D+
- 63-66% = D

- 60-62% = D-
- 59% & Below = F
Your Final Grade Will be comprised of approximately the following:

20% = Group work, and individual assignments.
50% = Chapter tests and Quizzes
20% = Grad Standards Projects, Classroom participation, Notebook and folder
10% = Community Service

100% = Final Grade

The three R’s to a successful year:
1. Respect- the speaking rights and property of others
2. Responsibility- be responsible for your own actions, be honest.
3. Ready- have materials for class each day, have assignment complete at the beginning of the hour.

Make-up work policy:
* Each student will receive a make-up day for each day absent
* Each student is responsible for approaching the teacher for make-up assignments

Late work policy:
* Assignments are due at the beginning of class
* Any Assignments turned in late will receive 50% until the last day of the quarter

Plagiarism/ Cheating:
Anyone guilty of plagiarism or cheating will automatically receive a “0” on that test/ assignment with no opportunity for making up points. Any one guilty of cheating on a Grad Standard will receive an “F”

Extra Credit:
All extra credit must be related to the content taught in class. It must take learning above and beyond what was taught in class. It can take many forms - poster, movie, report, research paper... Extra credit may turned in during the first 8 weeks of the quarter.

Cell phones, I-pods, food, and drinks:
Drinks may present in class in plastic bottles. All else may be subject to confiscation.

Welcome to the Wonderful World of Civics! My goal is to make Civics a great learning experience, maybe even exciting and fun. Your positive participation in all activities will make it so. The information above is to help you be successful member of the classroom. I will help you be a success, so please ask.

Good luck,
Mr. Carlson