Course Description
Grade 8 Civics

Philosophy Statement Social Studies is the systematic study of the social structures of the world from creation to the present day. By studying the individual components of social studies we learn how God's sovereign hand directs the affairs of mankind to reveal and accomplish His purpose. ("Look unto me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:22) Each area of study sees God as the Divine Creator of all things; in control of every aspect of history, at work in the lives of individuals, and in control of timing of events on the earth in order to reveal His glory and expand His kingdom.

Course Objective: Students will be able to distinguish between different types of political systems as well as economic systems found in the world today. They will understand the workings of the United States governmental system and their role as a citizen within it. Students will also understand the Christian heritage behind our government.

Textbooks: The Bible

Civics: Government and Economics in Action
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Materials:
- A Three Ring Binder/Notebook
- Folder to keep in classroom
- Loose leaf notebook paper for notebook and to keep in class
- Blue or Black pens
- pencils

Time Allotment: 45 minutes per day, 5 days per week

Course Content:
- Foundations of Government
- The U.S. Constitution
- Citizen's Role in American Government
- The Legislative Branch
- The Executive Branch
- The Judicial Branch
- State and Local Government
- Economics

Areas to be evaluated:
- Satisfactory completion of assigned work
- Timely completion of assigned work
- Written assignments
- Exams
- Additional readings
- Media presentations
- Discussion
- Individual Projects
- Group Projects
- Current Event Tic-Tac-Toe Bulletin Board Project
- Constitutional Children's Book
- Mock Constitutional Convention

- Mock Trial

Additional activities:
- Guest speakers
- David Barton DVD's
- President video clips