

Government and Economics

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Full Year Course (ends week 32 due to spring commitments)

11th – 12th grade

One High School Social Science or Elective Credit

Course Tutor:

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Course Description:

This class will outline the important shift from a government under God to a government under men. It will outline that Government is to be *bottom up* and not *top down* control and why this is important. We will examine the constitution and the Founder's First principles, which guided the creation of America and enabled us to become the greatest among nations. Students will also read and examine the book *Seven Men Who Ruled the World from the Grave* and the impact these seven men have had. The last part of the class will deal with economics showing both the practical and the political and secular impacts on the economy. The grade is based upon, essays, and quizzes, projects and research papers.

Course Prerequisites:

Must have completed and have a good understanding of U.S. History. Good writing skills are a must.

Required Texts:

Rediscovering the Ideas of Liberty; Editor. W. David Stedman;

ISBN# - 0-9645614-0-9

An Introduction to Economic Reasoning, by David Gordon

ISBN#- 0-945466-28-5

Seven Men Who Rule the World from the Grave; Dave Breese;

ISBN # - 0-8024-8448-4

Required Supplies:

3-ring notebook

paper

Tutor Bio:

I am president and co-founder of Teenworks Tutoring in Grand Ledge, Michigan. I have operated this organization for 28 years and continue to do this. I'm also owner and president of Generational Farms in Wesley, Iowa. My formal training includes attending Hyles-Anderson College in Indiana, University of Kansas, and Michigan State University, along with many other classes that have prepared me for leadership in both businesses. My passion is teaching others a biblical worldview and politics. I have worked with home schoolers for 28 years, teaching America's Providential History, US Government and Economics, and World Political Philosophy. I hope to impart my passion for understanding the past to better deal with the future. I believe that the dismal state of the country today is the result of not understanding the system of government that was established by the founders and that the correction for today's problems is contained in that original system. I have had many opportunities to sit on multiple boards and panels and work with leaders to promote a free enterprise in agriculture and business in general. I have also testified before U.S. House of representatives' hearings on US agriculture policy and written many articles on the subject of a biblical worldview, economics and biblical issues. I am the father of two children and the grandfather of eight grandchildren. I've been married to my wife, Wanda, for 39 years. We reside in Wesley, Iowa.