U.S./AZ Government and Economics
2009-10 First Semester Plan
NHS - Thomson

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Course theme: The role of governmental and economic principles in lives of individuals.
Course Essential Question: "How is individual liberty best preserved?"

Dates are subject to change

First Semester

This course outline will guide the first semester, so we'll have to move fast. Each unit will include group work, a project or paper and on-line exams; as well as traditional in-class and homework.

I. **Class organization/Current Issues (10 days)**
Course Guide/Outline, and Policies
   a. The Habits of Mind
   b. Seven Habits of Highly Effective People
   c. Senior Project Introduction
   d. AZ Issues

II. **Principles of U.S. and AZ Constitutions (5 days)**
Week one September

III. **Rights /Liberty (10 days)**
Week 2 September
a. Supreme Court Simulation
b. Bill of Rights group videos
c. Privacy position paper

IV. Senior Exhibition Intro - Mid-September
   a. Project Proposal
   b. Conferences

V. AZ Governmental Process in a Flash - October
   a. Based on the Issues
   b. All three branches covered

VI. Legislative Branch – October
   a. Legislative simulation

VII. Executive Branch- October
   a. Executive branch portfolio

VIII. Judicial Branch – November
   a. Supreme Court Simulation

IX. Political Ideology (5 days) - November

a. Debates political ideology POV
b. Political parties

X. The Border - December

XI. Final Exam

Second Semester

XII. Freakenomics (5 days) October

XIII. Economics Basics (15 days)

a. Economic Way of Thinking
b. ECON TEXT CHAPTER 1-5

XIV. Micro Economics (15 days)

XV. Senior Project Portfolio Construction (5 days)

XVI. Macro Economics (15 days)

XVII. Global Economics (15 days)

XVIII. Personal Finance (15 days)