

# US & Virginia Government 2019-2020 • Seth Harris



## HOW WE ARE LEARNING THIS YEAR...

US & VA Gov't offers students the opportunity to begin their nascent development as current and future active participants in our system. They will understand some of the philosophical origins and inspirations and how this is relevant to our country today.

Students will be active learners. Direct instruction will be limited. Small group work, independent practice, teaching other students, learning from other students, discussion/debate, Project-Based Learning (PBL), and many hands-on activities and games are just some of the strategies that will be employed.

### Skill Development

Being able to analyze and understand complex real-world problems. Forming opinions and making informed, evidence-based arguments. Confidence to be active Civic participants now and in the future.

### What students should expect...

To be challenged to think about issues facing our society today & in the future. To better understand the inspiration & origins of our system of Government. To begin to develop their own political identities... to begin to think about, write about, discuss, and make arguments about complex issues that lack clear answers.

### Where to find class information...

Each Block will have its own Google Classroom.  
Grades are updated by Sunday of each week in Phoenix.

### How I will communicate with students and parents...

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During Viking Time, I am in room #122

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Each Block will have a Remind for students to utilize

Government Parents: @e9fkfdc  
(join at Remind.com)