

SYLLABUS FOR CCS FOUNDING FATHERS CLASS

****Please note:** This syllabus serves as a guide as to lecture topics and general course information. The in class and homework assignments are flexible and may be amended throughout the year. While specific assignments may not be found on the syllabus, students can expect a weekly homework assignment to be completed before the next week's class. Various additional assignments will also be made throughout the year. In nearly all cases, adequate explanation will be given for students to complete the assignment; however, please do not hesitate to contact me at nancy@thejudaygroup.com or 540-550-7372 with any questions.

September 16, 2021: Welcome
General Class Rules
Course Objectives/Review Syllabus
Teacher's Expectations

In class assignment: Write a few sentences about the importance of studying the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and our Founding Fathers.

September 23, 2021

Lecture: Colonization of America/The 13 British Colonies
In Class Assignment: Map of 13 Colonies
Assignment: Worksheet on 13 Colonies/Memorize the 13 colonies

September 30, 2021

Lecture: The 13 colonies and the beginnings of Democracy

Quiz: Map of the colonies

October 7, 2021

Lecture: Turning to The French and Indian War

October 14, 2021

Post French and Indian War in the New World

Activity: When do you say enough is enough?

October 21, 2021

Lecture: Paul Revere's Ride/Lexington and Concord

In class assignment: Reading portions of *Paul Revere's Ride* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

October 28, November 4, 11, 2021

Start to Read *Guns for General Washington*

Lectures: The Revolutionary War

The First and Second Continental Congresses

In class assignment: Chronology of the American Revolution

November 18, 2021:

Lecture: Thomas Jefferson's Life -- a "typical" founder? --Intro the Declaration of Independence -- Thomas Paine -- Common Sense

Continue with Revolutionary War

Quiz on George Washington Book

December 2, 2021:

Lectures: The Declaration of Independence

EXTRA: Discussion of Freedom of Religion Clause

December 9, 2021:

Continue with the Declaration of Independence

January 6, 2022:

Lecture: Review up to the end of the War

Review for Mid-Term Exam

January 13, 2021:

Mid-term exam

January 20, 2022:

The Articles of Confederation – problems and pitfalls.

January 27, 2022:

Lecture: Philadelphia Convention or the Constitutional Convention

*intro to who, what, where, when, and WHY?

February 3, 2022:

Lecture: The New Jersey Plan

START TO READ Madison Book

The Preamble

February 10, 2022:

Lecture: The Virginia Plan and James Madison

In class Assignment: Compare NJ Plan and VA Plan

February 17, 2022:

Lecture: Discussion of Major Points of Contention addressed during the framing of the Constitution

In class assignment: Compare Article versus Constitution

Quiz on Preamble to the U.S. Constitution

February 24, 2022:

Lecture: Article 1, the Legislative Branch

March 3, 2022:

Lecture: Article 2, the Executive Branch

QUIZ ON Madison Book

March 10, 2022:

Lecture: Article 3, the Judicial Branch

March 17, 2022:

Lecture: The Checks and Balances

In class assignment: Draw a diagram illustrating the system of checks and balances

March 24, 2022:

Lecture: Discussion of the ratification of the Constitution and *The Federalist Papers*

Group Assignment: Writing to support or denounce a particular provision of the proposed Constitution

April 7, 2022:

Lecture: Amending the Constitution

April 14, 2022

Lecture: The Bill of Rights

April 21, 2022:

CATCH UP AND REVIEW

Assignment: Start to memorize the presidents in chronological order

April 28, 2022:

Lecture: The First President and his Cabinet/The First Congress/ The First Supreme Court

Quiz on the Bill of Rights

In class assignment: Read/discuss George Washington's Farewell Address

Discussion of and possible writing assignment on George Washington's *Rules of Civility*

May 5, 12, 19, 26 2022:

Remaining classes: Mock Congressional Hearing