

**MVLA
2019-20
COURSE INFORMATION SHEET**

Course Title: Civics/Econ ELL

School: MVHS

UC/CSU requirement: No/No

Textbook and/or other learning resources: Textbook: Civics in Practice, Newsela.com, Activelylearn.com

Student Learning Outcomes:

The purpose of this course is to develop knowledge of essential democratic and constitutional concepts and events to guide in decision making and meeting responsibilities as participants in our democratic republic and economy. Specifically students will be able to:

1. identify and analyze the philosophical and historical roots, and constitutional structure, of U.S. democracy.
2. analyze the essential framework and functions of government in the United States.
3. analyze individual rights and forms of civil society that influence participation in U.S. political culture.

Assessment and Grading ([BP 5121](#) / [AR 5121](#)): To ensure that every student has an equal opportunity to demonstrate their learning, the course instructors implement aligned grading practices and common assessments with the same frequency.

1. Grading categories and their percentage weights:

The final grade will be composed of the following:

- Collaboration - Students will demonstrate good citizenship in class while working with others: 10%
- Biography Book Analysis: 20%
- Newsela: 30%
- Critical Thinking: 15%
- Tests and quizzes: 25%

2. Achievement evidence collected within each grading category:

There will be a:

- Collaboration assessment weekly, and averaged and entered into the gradebook 2x a quarter
- Biography packet of work collected after each unit
- Newsela HW once a week
- Binder Check of classwork at the end of each quarter
- Quiz or test every 3-4 weeks

3. Grading scales:

Skill Level Name	Letter Mark	SIS Final Grade Percent Scale
Advanced +	A+	96.66-100
Advanced	A	93.33-96.65
Advanced -	A-	90-93.32
Proficient +	B+	86.66-89.99
Proficient	B	83.33-86.65
Proficient -	B-	80-83.32
Basic +	C+	76.66-79.99
Basic	C	73.33-76.65
Basic -	C-	70-73.32
Below Basic +	D+	66.66-69.99
Below Basic	D	63.33-66.65
Below Basic -	D-	60-63.32
Far Below Basic	F	50-59.99

4. Homework/outside of class practices ([AR 6154](#)):

There is a Newsela reading every week. It is assigned on Monday and due on Friday. Revisions are encouraged. Students should email the teacher to "reset" the quiz score.

Students will need to study for a quiz or test approximately every 3-4 weeks. There is a review guide and quizlets to help students.

5. Excused absence make up practices ([Education Code 48205\(b\)](#)):

Students should check Google Classroom for class and homework assignments. Students should make up missed tests within 1 week of the absence. Other assignments can be turned in until the “final” date at the end of each quarter (about 1 week before quarter ends). This date is posted in Google Classroom..

6. Academic integrity violation practices ([LAHS Academic Integrity Policy](#) / [MVHS Academic Integrity Policy](#)):

Students should always do their own work. Students may help others with translation, but should not give out the answers. If students who “copy” other students’ work will be referred to the Academic Integrity Policy.

7. Late work practices:

Assignments can be turned in until the “final” date at the end of each quarter (about 1 week before quarter ends). This date is posted in Google Classroom.

8. Revision practices:

Students can revise Newsela quizzes, biography work and tests/quizzes. The due date is until the “final” date at the end of each quarter (about 1 week before quarter ends). This date is posted in Google Classroom.

9. Extra credit practices:

There is no extra credit. Students should revise assignments in the grade book as allowed.

10. Additional grading practices:

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