

If I Were President

Grades: 6 - 8

Day of Week: Monday

Time of Class: 1:00 – 2:30 pm ET

Length of Class: 10 weeks

Semester: Winter

Tuition: \$250.00

Class Dates:

Week 1: Week of January 10

Week 2: Week of January 17

Week 3: Week of January 24

Week 4: Week of January 31

Week 5: Week of February 7

Week 6: Week of February 14

Week 7: Week of February 21

Week 8: Week of February 28

Week 9: Week of March 7

Week 10: Week of March 14

Make Up Week: Week of March 21

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Description of Class:

What does the President actually do? Let's take a closer look at what the job of President of the United States entails, how this position was created and what you would do if put in this role.

In this 10- week course, students will meet weekly to take an in depth look at how this role came to be, how it has changed throughout history, and what it really involves, all while evaluating how they would handle these different tasks along the way. We will begin with how and why there are three branches of government, compare American democracy to other types of governments, learn the many roles that the President must fulfill, including the needs of citizens, discuss leadership and some past Presidents' leadership styles, and finally create and deliver a speech about what our plans would be as President of the United States of America.

Class Approach:

Lecture, readings, class discussions and short writing assignments.

Textbook:

The instructor will provide all materials.

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

Additional readings (non-fiction) will be provided by the instructor.

Requirements:

Attendance and participation in class.

Weekly Homework:

Approximately 1 hour.

This is made of up reading, short writing prompts and preparing for class discussions.

Homework Policy:

Homework will be due prior to class for students to receive full credit unless arrangements have been made in advance. Students will receive partial credit for homework submitted within two class periods of due date. No credit will be given for homework turned in after two weeks. Additionally, any outstanding homework needs to be turned in prior to any unit test, even if that is sooner than the two weeks.

Grading Scale:

90-100 =	A
89-80 =	B
79-70 =	C
69-60 =	D
59 and below:	F

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction What is government and types of government
Week 2	America's Independence
Week 3	Wars and purposes of wars
Week 4	American Democracy
Week 5	Constitution and Bill of rights
Week 6	What is a citizen and what are their needs?
Week 7	Leaders and types of leaders
Week 8	Roles of the United States President (formal and informal)
Week 9	Examining past Presidents informal roles
Week 10	What changes can President make and how