

## Components of the Government Studies 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Grade

Department Work	50%
Resolution & Debate	10%
Elective Class	<u>40%</u>
Total Government Studies Grade	100%

Students can earn partial credit in each of the areas listed to the left. The total combined score will be their marking period grade for CGI Government Studies Period 2.

### **DEPARTMENT WORK (50 points)**

Each student chooses from 9 diverse departments and some students serve in the Executive and Judicial Branches. Within departments students must write and present one bill based on the assigned research topic each marking period. It must be in proper form and each author's name must appear

typed on the bill in order to receive credit. Students within the same department may work together to co-author bills. Each marking period students must also write one Position Paper on an assigned research topic. All Position Papers must be one to two pages in length. Additionally, in order to receive credit, each student's Position Paper must be submitted to the department's turnitin.com page and must have a Works Cited page. A position paper presents an arguable opinion about an issue. The goal of a position paper is to convince the audience that your opinion is valid and worth listening to. Additionally, in the departments students create their own goals and objectives, both long and short term, as well as for the entire department. Successfully achieving these goals earns students the full 50 points. If students do not attain their goals partial credit, based on department rubrics and teacher observations, may be earned. This portion of the Government Studies grade is highly self-directed and student centered.

### **RESOLUTION & DEBATE (10 points)**

Each marking period students must write and present a resolution based on a current event. It must be in proper form and be accompanied by two newspaper and/or credible online articles (5 points). When not chairing or presenting, students are expected to actively participate in each debate using CGI Parliamentary Procedure (5 points).

### **ELECTIVES (40 points)**

Electives are academic courses offered to all CGI students. Students choose from a variety of courses in both the English and Social Studies content areas. Each class has individual requirements and assessments. Sophomores are placed in Introductory Electives for the first two marking periods.