

## **Government Extra Credit Assignment, 2nd Nine Weeks**

This paper is a 100 point major grade and will be due by end of the semester. You may turn it in whenever you have completed the requirements. It will be added as an additional major grade assignment. In other words, if you do really well on it, it will be like getting a 100% on a 30 point test. Bonus points can be earned for papers that go above and beyond, or are exceptionally thorough. The paper must be typed. Any additional information or literature may be attached to your paper if you feel it will contribute.

You must personally attend some sort of political organization meeting, like a school board meeting, a city council meeting, or a community group or association meeting. School board and city council meetings can last a long time, so plan accordingly. Be sure to take notes at the meeting about what business is being conducted. Who, what, when, why, how, etc. After the meeting, study your notes and select FIVE different topics you would like to address in a paper. They should be separate concepts. For example, if you attend a school board meeting, your five topics may not all be about five different groups who were recognized at the start of the meeting.

After selecting your topics, write at least one paragraph about each topic. In your paragraph, identify what the subject is and its purpose (what does it achieve?). Who supports it? Does anyone or group oppose it? Why? Was there a vote on this topic? If so, how did it turn out? How did the vote break down? Did community members speak at the meeting? What did they represent and what did they want to see done? Did the board react to this presentation? Did others speak on the same topic?

Each of these of meetings is an example of democracy in action. Your paragraphs should explain how this meeting is an example of this by addressing some of the questions above.