**Presumed Knowledge for upcoming 10th Grade MYP Comparative Government**

This class covers three fundamental premises: 1) politics is a pervasive force in modern society; 2) government is too critically important to be left in the hands of a few; and 3) everyone has both the opportunity and the obligation to participate in public life in a democracy. It focuses on such vital concepts as democracy, dictatorship, citizenship, voting behavior, elections, leadership, ideologies, war, revolution, world politics, and public policy.

You will be expected to formulate or choose a clear and focused research question, explaining its relevance, formulate and follow an action plan to investigate the research question, use methods to collect and record relevant information on the research question, and evaluate the process and results of the investigation, with guidance.

You should be able to communicate information and ideas in a way that is appropriate for the audience and purpose, structure information and ideas according to the task instructions, and create a reference list and cite sources of information.

To meet these task you should be able to analyze concepts, issues, models, visual representation and/or theories, summarize information to make valid, well-supported arguments, analyze a range of sources/data in terms of origin and purpose, recognizing value and limitations, recognize different perspectives and explain their implications.

***Suggested*** reading for deeper content understanding:

Any material covering the regime of Mao, Hitler, or Stalin.

Current Events on North Korea

Specific Books

*Animal Farm* by George Orwell - Read it here free (<http://www.george-orwell.org/Animal_Farm/>)

*1984* by George Orwell - Read it here free (<https://www.planetebook.com/ebooks/1984.pdf>)

*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley - Read it here free (<http://www.idph.com.br/conteudos/ebooks/BraveNewWorld.pdf>)

*We* by Yevgeny Zamyatin - Read it here free (<https://goo.gl/aNFXyY>)

*Walden Two* by B. F. Skinner

**Class textbook**

*Understanding Politics Ideas, Institutions, and Issues*, 11th edition 9781285452357, Thomas M. Magstadt