

WJCC School Closure Learning Plan – Virginia and United States Government

Dear WJCC Families,

We are facing significant challenges throughout our nation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, WJCC Schools will be closed for the remainder of the academic year per the direction of Governor Northam. The Virginia Department of Education will provide guidance on continued teaching and learning over the next few days.

Throughout this time, we will continue to provide resources and activities to support learning. The resources in this packet will help your child practice important skills and review content. This supplemental packet should support learning activities from March 30th – April 3rd. Additional resources may be posted on Student VUE for certain subjects. Students are encouraged to check Student VUE during this time.

This work is not required, and it will not be graded. We simply want families to have access to materials and options during our mandated school closure.

We will be in touch soon with our direction for the remainder of the school year. We hope everyone remains safe and healthy.

Sincerely,
WJCC Staff

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Directions: During our third week of closure, students are encouraged to complete one of the following deeper dives into American government. Please use your class notes (either on paper or online) for help with these activities.

Option 1: Create a Political Party	Using your knowledge of party platforms and propaganda, create a political party of your own with its own unique platform. Try to come up with your own party name, platform around 5 key issues, and a party symbol or logo. Then, make a poster or brochure all about your party, including its goals, why you created it, core issues, and why you're better than the two major parties.
Option 2: Research the 2020 Election	Visit the campaign websites for Joe Biden , Bernie Sanders , and Donald Trump . How do the candidates present themselves on these websites? How did you react to the websites, based on your political beliefs and your beliefs about the candidates? Then, CLICK HERE to take the 2020 Presidential Quiz to see which candidate matches your personal political beliefs best. Did your results surprise you? Why or why not? Do you feel confident about how you will vote in the 2020 Presidential Election? Why or why not? Your answers to the questions above should total 1-2 hand-written pages.
Option 3: COVID-19 and the American Government	The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak has affected the United States and the world in unprecedented ways, but it has also profoundly affected the aspects of our government and political system you have learned about in class this year. List as many ways as possible that COVID-19 has affected each of the following aspects of our government and political system: federalism, individual liberties, the 2020 Presidential Election/primaries/voter turnout, the responsibilities of the three branches of government, media coverage of politics and the 2020 Election, and Virginia's state government. Feel free to add any other connections you can make to our course.