**Civics 10**

**Course Outline**

This year all Grade 10 students at James M. Hill are participating in a curriculum pilot project. This means that they will be taking a new course, **Civics 10**, instead of the Ancient and Medieval History course.

Topics students will be learning in this course include:

* their personal rights and responsibilities as citizens
* digital and media literacy
* government and governance
* informed citizenship and decision-making
* civil society organizations and community engagement
* civic agency
* public policy is developed and enacted

The aim of the course is to develop each student’s civic knowledge and sense of civic agency.

The Civics 10 course is intended to help students become more informed, engaged and thoughtful citizens. By the end of this course, students will be able to articulate personal rights and responsibilities and interplay among authority systems, citizens, and public policy.

Deep learning in any social studies course occurs when other key dimensions, such as historical thinking, geographical thinking and critical inquiry, are considered and implemented. Civics 10provides students with the relevant, current issues and the relevant resources that will allow students to apply these approaches.

All assignments will fall into the following categories and be valued as indicated:

(Individual assignments will each have their own mark and fall into these main categories.)

Civic Engagement 20%

Community Belonging 20%

Decision Making and Representation 20%

Human Rights 20%

Final Evaluation 20%

Students will see a variety of assignments during the semester. Some of these assignments will include, but are not limited to Reflection Writing, News Article Analysis, Research Projects, Discussions (small/large groups) and Quizzes.

**Student Materials:**

Duo-tang / Binder with looseleaf paper

Pen/Mechanical Pencil

**Optional Extras:**

Agenda

Post-it Notes

Highlighter

Index cards

Students will be using the MS TEAMS platform. Students will be able to access assignments, class information and in some instances submit assignments digitally.

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