**Important Dates for Participation In Government/Economics**

**Thesis Paper on Public Policy: Due June 7, 2013**

**Your Task:**

After you have studied and read information about Public Policy and the process for effecting change through Public Policy, write a position paper on a public issue you would like to see implemented or changed.

**Guidelines:**

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the concept of Public Policy and write a position paper on a public policy issue by completing all of the following activities:

**N.B.:** All activities of the task are to be pre-approved by the classroom teacher and the library media specialist, if appropriate.

1. Read and understand the elements that effect change through public policy.
2. Select a topic, analyze the information and formulate a thesis statement about a public policy issue.
3. Create an annotated list of websites including accurate URL, brief description usefulness and one e-mail address or contact.
4. Use the library to locate information through traditional/print methods including books, magazines, articles, video or other sources.
5. Present one viewpoint from the above sources, one in favor of the thesis statement regarding the topic/position.
6. Create an annotated bibliography of the sources located. (work cited page)

**Position Paper & Important Dates**

1. Write a position paper (10 page minimum - 15 page maximum) on your issue, including a thesis statement, key issues, pertinent data and a summary of positions on all sides of the topic.
2. Use MLA writing style including paraphrases and direct quotes.
3. Must have a minimum of 4 books, 4 journal articles, 4 magazine articles, 4 newspaper articles, and only 2 websites.
4. Your topic is due to me by **Feb. 12, 2013**. Test Grade
5. Your Introduction including your thesis statement is due **March 11, 2013**. Test Grade
6. Your sources are due to me on **March 15, 2013**. Test Grade
7. **March 22, 2013** – Your first draft is due (3 pages). Taken as a test grade.
8. **May 3, 2013** – Your 2nd draft is due (6 pages). Taken as a test grade.
9. **June 5, 2013** – PIG/ECO Final Exam: 50% of your final exam grade
10. **June 7, 2013 – Community Service Journal is due: Mandatory!!!!!**
11. **June 7, 2013** – Your 3rd draft is due (10-15 pages). Taken as 50% of your final exam grade.