

# **Participation in Government**

## **Summer Reading Assignment**

### **Freakonomics – Steven D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner**

#### **Directions**

- The following assignment should be completed during the summer.
- There will be class time for discussion before this assignment is due.
- The teacher will provide students with turnitin.com information when school begins.
- This assignment will be worth 10-15% of the first semester grade.

#### **Assignment Instructions**

- Students will examine the five topics below in four ways.
- 1: Within each topic, students should explore the main focus question in this course and decide if the topic satisfies it or not. Focus Question: “How does a person balance the needs of private interest and the common (public) good?”
- 2: Answers must cite specific, relevant evidence from the text. Include page numbers with text.
- Most topics will need citations from multiple chapters to successfully formulate an answer.
- 3: Include examples from outside the book that touch on current events.
- 4: Make real life connections – your own or someone you know.
- All work should be typed in paragraph form – 12pt, Times New Roman.

- 1. Incentives**
- 2. Individual/Group Cheating**
- 3. Government Regulation**
- 4. Technological Advances**
- 5. Labor Market**