

**District of Columbia History and Government
Course Syllabus
(SY 2011-2012)**

Instructor: Lee MacVaugh
Credit: ½ Carnegie Credit

Course Description: The course covers the origins of the District of Columbia from 1600 through present day events. Students will be able to identify elected officials, city services and vital information related to the District of Columbia.

Content Standards:

- Early Settlement and Geography
- A New National Capital and A New City
- Slavery, War, and Emancipation
- Reconstruction Period
- Late 19th and 20th Centuries
- 20th Century Expansion and Urban Challenges
- Civil Rights and Home Rule Victories
- Addressing Opportunities and Problems Under Home Rule
- District Government

Materials: A loose leaf notebook or section of a notebook, black or blue ink pen

Textbook: *City of Magnificent Intentions* (2000), Keith Melder, editor

Course Requirement:

Preparation of Standards related assignments and projects
Weekly reflection of one at least one city related current event
An interview with a long-time resident of the city
End of Course (EOC) five page paper