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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1710

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REVISE THE CIVICS AND WORLD HISTORY  
REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO REVISE THE CIVICS AND WORLD HISTORY  
REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH  
SCHOOL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-16-149. Civics – World History.

(a) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the State Board of Education shall require students to earn the following in grade eleven (11) or grade (12) as a requirement to graduate from high school:

(1) One (1) unit of civics; and

(2) One-half (1/2) unit of world history.

(b) The Department of Education shall develop standards for the civics course required under subsection (a) of this section that provide that:

(1) One-quarter (1/4) of the course shall be dedicated to reading, studying, discussing, and displaying competency in understanding:

(A) The Declaration of Independence;

(B) The United State Constitution; and

(C) The Northwest Ordinance; and

(2) One-quarter (1/4) of the course shall be dedicated to



reading, studying, discussing, and displaying competency in understanding  
selected portions of the Federalist Papers.