



AP Government & Politics Summer Assignment



Introduction and Purpose

AP U.S. Government and Politics is an introductory college-level course in U.S. government and politics. Students cultivate their understanding of U.S. government and politics through analysis of data and text-based sources as they explore topics like constitutionalism, liberty and order, civic participation in a representative democracy, competing policy-making interests, and methods of political analysis.

As a course rooted in the study of our federal government, your summer work will aim to get you more intimately acquainted with one of our nation's core foundation documents: The U.S. Constitution. Additionally, your summer work will ask you to begin developing a belief in, and understanding of, your role as a civically engaged member of our society.

Summer Assignment Task List

1. U.S. Constitution Outline and Analysis

- ☐ Complete Constitutional Analysis guide provided. All work must be hand-written.
- ☐ Prepare for an exam on all components of the Constitution the first week of school.

☐ **Due: U.S. Constitution Exam Day #3 of Class (Actual date TBA upon finalized schedule)**

2. Civic Engagement Philosophy Essay

- ☐ Read and Annotate [*The Duties of American Citizenship \(1883\)*](#) by Theodore Roosevelt
 - Annotation 'How To' Guide [Quick Guide Annotations](#)
- ☐ Draft a personal philosophy essay
 - APA Citation Guides
 - [General Format - Purdue OWL](#)
 - [The Basics of Citing and Referencing in APA 7th Edition](#)

☐ **Due: Submit Google Doc via Classroom by 11:59 pm Monday, September 8th**

3. Current Event Log

- ☐ Complete **FOUR** entries over the course of the summer. All work must be hand-written.
- ☐ Current event sources should be selected from organizations with biases across the political spectrum; each article/story selected should be from a different media outlet
 - [AllSides Media Bias Chart](#)
 - Suggested Website for Articles from Varied POVs: [Ground News](#)

☐ **Due: Hand in physical copy of assignment by Monday, September 8th**

Accessing and Submitting Your Summer Assignment

Google Classroom Code: nypvgjtx