

AP US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

2017

Welcome to AP Government and Politics! This summer assignment will familiarize you with the US Constitution, the cornerstone of the first semester of the course. Your assignment is due on the first day of school; be prepared to share your findings with the class. Late assignments will not be accepted, except under extraordinary circumstances. You should complete this assignment even if you're on a waiting list for another course and may drop AP Government and Politics.

As you are all coming from different junior year courses, there is a wide variety of familiarity with the US Constitution. We strongly suggest becoming familiar with this essential document by reading it over the summer. If you feel your understanding of the context is a bit shaky, you should read chapter 2 of our textbook (*Government in America: People, Politics and Policy* 16/e, AP edition, ISBN: 978-0-205-86575-8), as we will not be explicitly covering this in class.

Assignment:

- Find ten **newspaper** articles to illustrate each of the terms below:
 - Federalism (pick two different examples)
 - Checks and balances
 - Separation of powers
 - Enumerated powers (pick two from any branch)
 - Law making process
 - Advice and consent
 - Legislative oversight
 - Executive order
- The newspaper article should be dated from the summer 2017 (no earlier!)
- Use reputable newspapers such as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, or *The Wall Street Journal* (not, for example, *The Huffington Post* or *CNN*)
- Create a Google Doc and share it with aradol@nths.net and zilkaa@nths.net
- Type an analysis of each article using the following format:

Title (the term from the list above)

Paragraph 1: Summarize the article

Paragraph 2: Analyze the article, explaining how it illustrates the term

Link to newspaper article

There is a lot happening in the news right now, and we hope this assignment gets you as excited as we are to talk about politics and government! -Ms. Lindsay Arado and Mr. Alex Zilka