



Garfield Heights High School
AP U.S. Government and Politics
2017-2018



Summer Assignment

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1. For Remind Updates, text 81010 with the message @mrsiezz
These updates will begin in AUGUST.
2. You will be required to purchase a 3-ring binder for AP Government. This binder should be at least 2-3" and should be separated into the following sections:

1. Current Events; 2. The Constitution; 3. Elections and Participation; 4. Linkage Groups; 5. Federal Institutions; 6. Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; 7. Public Policy

CURRENT EVENT BINDER SECTION ASSIGNMENT

1. Provide **FIVE** total current events on at least 2 of the above topics. Each of the FIVE events must be from June – August 2017. That means you need to pay attention to current events over the summer.
2. For each event, provide the title, date, website/source and a BRIEF 3 -5 sentence summary for **EACH EVENT!** Place your summaries in the Current Event section.

UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION BINDER SECTION ASSIGNMENT

Please familiarize yourself with the United States Constitution. You may find a copy here:
http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_transcript.html

1. Please read the **ENTIRE** U.S. Constitution. Read everything!
2. In your OWN words, please explain what each article contains **and** the main points of each of the amendments. Place your outlines in the Constitution section.

****Be prepared for a quiz on the third day of class on the Constitution.**

DUE DATE:

The 2 assignments will be due on the second day of school, **August 16th, 2017**. No late work will be accepted for this assignment. If not completed, you may be removed from the course.

Academic Integrity is essential to this course. All work **MUST BE YOUR OWN**.



AP U.S. Government and Politics – Please note:

1. This course is designed to be a college level course. It requires both a greater volume of reading and more challenging content of writing than other classes.
2. If you are unable to complete this summer assignment or other major assignments, you may be removed from Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics.
3. This course requires regular attendance and completion of assignments in a timely manner. **Students must turn in work on due dates, even when absent!**
4. Outside reading assignments will be assigned weekly. These are essential for your understanding of class content.
5. Your class fee covers the cost of a review book, which you will be issued in the fall.
6. The A.P. Government test is a requirement for the course. If you choose to not participate in the exam, you will be required to complete an alternate assignment.

Students wishing to receive college credit should generally score a 3 or higher on the A.P. test in May. According to the A.P. website, students successfully completing this course should be able to:

- describe and compare important facts, concepts, and theories pertaining to U.S. government and politics
- explain typical patterns of political processes and behavior and their consequences (including the components of political behavior, the principles used to explain or justify various government structures and procedures, and the political effects of these structures and procedures)
- interpret basic data relevant to U.S. government and politics (including data presented in charts, tables, and other formats)
- critically analyze relevant theories and concepts, apply them appropriately, and develop their connections across the curriculum

The course topics are as follows:

- Constitutional Underpinnings of the United States Government
- Political Beliefs and Behaviors
- Political Parties, Interest Groups and Mass Media
- Institutions of National Government
- Public Policy
- Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

+++++Please email me with any questions or concerns over the summer. If you are unsure whether you will be scheduled for the A.P. class, it is in your best interest to complete the assignment just in case!

Have a great summer!