

AP United States Government & Politics – Summer Assignment 26/27

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Due: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Textbook: Abernathy, Scott F. & Waples, Karen - *American Government: Stories of a Nation*.

Directions:

- Read Chapter 1
- Complete all work on a Google Doc.
- Label all sections (Part I, Part II, Part III, Part IV)

Part I: Identifications:

Use the text to explain each term in two-three sentences

1. Politics
2. Government
3. Democracy
4. Natural rights
5. Social contract
6. American political culture
7. Popular sovereignty
8. Republicanism
9. Inalienable rights
10. Participatory democracy
11. Civil society groups
12. Pluralist theory
13. Elitist theory
14. Political institutions
15. Constitutional republic

Part II: Free Response Question:

Page 21 - Read the scenario and answer parts A, B & C. Each response should be 3-5 sentences, but some may be longer. **You do not need to include an introduction & conclusion - Just respond to the prompts.*

Part III: Free Response Question:

Page 22 - Analyze the Chart: Largest Political Contributions by Interest Group Sector 2013-2014. Answer parts A, B & C. **You do not need to include an introduction & conclusion - Just respond to the prompts.*

Part IV: Argumentation Question:

Page 22 - Read the excerpt from Martin Luther King's *I Have a Dream...* speech. Answer the essay prompts and be sure to use the Declaration of Independence when responding. **You MUST include an introduction, several body paragraphs and a conclusion.*