

AP Government and Politics
Summer Assignment 2023

Welcome to AP Government and Politics! Your summer assignment will be divided into a few parts. All parts of the assignment will be due on the first day of school, not your orientation day. If you have questions regarding the assignment, you can email me over the summer at mraramella@holynamehs.com. I will check my email periodically, but not everyday. Responses will not be immediate.

Supplies:

- 5 subject GREEN spiral notebook, **college ruled**
- 3 ring binder with 5 dividers, 1-1.5 inch
- Notebook paper, **college ruled**
- 2 Composition Notebooks-- will be used for founding documents and court cases

Part 1: The Constitution

- You will be responsible for reading and analyzing the Constitution. You will use the handout provided and the link to the interactive website to complete the articles and sections. We will go over the Constitution in class, but it is important that you have a good understanding of the document before we cover it in class.
- Please complete this assignment on paper. There will be a digital copy on google classroom under summer assignment as well as one passed out in the meeting.

Part 2: Chapters 1

- You will be responsible for reading Chapter 1 in the American Government Stories of a Nation text.
- After reading the chapters, please take detailed notes over all of Chapter 1 in your green notebook

Part 3: The Declaration of Independence

- Read this required document when you read 1.2
- Take notes over the document in your composition notebook labeled required documents

Part 4: Chapter 1 Review

- Answer the following multiple choice questions on page 17-23
 - 1,3,5,6,7,8
 - Free Response 1 on page 21 A,B, and C
 - Answer these questions in your green notebook on a separate page from your notes
 - [FRQ examples from AP tests](#)

Part 5: Chapter 2

- Read and take notes over Chapter 2. Pages 25-55
- Founding Documents for Chapter 2
 - Read and take notes on the following required documents in your composition notebook labeled documents. Copies of these documents can be found in your court case reader
 - Articles of Confederation
 - Federalists No. 51
 - Federalist No. 10
 - Brutus No. 1

Helpful Hints:

- We will reference these documents when we review chapter 2 in class. The hyperlinks below are good summaries of the required documents. Read the documents first and then watch the videos for a good review.
- [Federalist No. 10](#)
- [Brutus No. 1](#)
- [Federalist No. 51](#)
- [Declaration of Independence](#)
- [Challenges of AOC vs Constitution](#) -- might be helpful to watch, but after you have analyzed each document

Following the news:

- I would suggest downloading a few popular news app and turning on push notifications to follow the headlines for each day. You will also see how each news source will portray the news differently based on the network being more conservative or liberal.
 - Just to name a few...CNN, WSJ, Apple News, Fox, MSNBC.
 - If you use twitter I would follow some different news networks and scroll through twitter to see what is happening in the world. This option might be more effective so you aren't getting a ton of notifications from apps all day, but you have to remember to check it!
- You are NOT responsible for writing any current event, or journal for the news, but this exercise will help us discuss what is happening in the government at the end of each school week. So this is more of just a quick way to get a snapshot of what is happening in gov and politics!