

AP Government and Politics
Summer Assignment 2020

Welcome to class! Congratulations on the commitment of your time and energy to AP Gov. Class has started! This will be a demanding course; a course that will challenge your mind and engage all of your faculties over the year. Our time is very limited during the school year. Thus, we have to begin our studies over the summer and these assignments will carry significant weight for your Quarter 1 grade. Using your school email account, use class code **hbntmpr** to join our Google Classroom. There you will find editable documents for all of the assignments posted below. Failure to join early only leads to rushed work, and will give me a look into who you are as a student.

Assignment 1 will get you use to following the news and begin relating current events to the class. Assignments 2 & 3 will help you prepare for the entire school year. While these assignments are not necessarily hard, they will take some time to complete.

Your assignment will have three parts;

1. Current Events (60 points total) **Due: September 3**

During the summer months, it is important that you begin reading/listening to and paying attention to the news. As this year is an election year, and with COVID-19 still pretty active, there will be a ton of examples of how the different levels of government interact and deal with situations. Starting on Friday, August 14th, I will post 3 current events each Friday. You will need to read all three, respond to one, and write a response to another student's post on the two remaining articles each week. Refer back to the Weekly Current Events assignment on Classroom for more details. *For the Summer Assignment, it is recommended to complete each week by the following deadlines: *August 20, August 27, September 3*, but these will all be due on the same day, as noted above. *

2. Read the U.S. Constitution (80 points total) **Due: September 11**

For this assignment, you will need to purchase or check out *The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaption* by Jonathan Hennessey and Aaron McConnell. ([Here is the Amazon link](#)) This assignment is to introduce you to the document that will be the foundation for our AP US Government and Politics course and woven into each of our units; the United States Constitution. Having a basic understanding of the elements of this document will allow us to really hit the ground running. For this assignment, you will be creating a working outline for the document, using the graphic novel to answer the provided questions.

3. Court Cases (150 points total) **Due: September 18**

College Board has developed a list of required Supreme Court cases that students are required to know in order to apply the information to a real-world scenario or in comparison to another case. Research the 15 court cases listed on the back of this sheet and complete the provided Case Notes worksheet. These need to be handwritten and then scanned/photographed! No credit will be awarded for typed answers. If you are unable to print the provided worksheet, you may write it out, following the same template. There will be a test on the first week of when school resumes!

List of Required Court Cases	
Marbury v. Madison (1803)	New York Times Co. v. U.S. (1971)
McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)	Wisconsin v. Yoder (1972)
Schenck v. United States (1919)	Roe v. Wade (1973)
Brown v. Board of Education, I (1954)	Shaw v. Reno (1993)
Baker v. Carr (1961)	United States v. Lopez (1995)
Engle v. Vitale (1962)	Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (2009)
Gideon v. Wainwright (1963)	McDonald v. Chicago (2010)
Tinker v. Des Moines (1969)	