



Welcome to Advanced Placement U.S. Government & Politics

I am so pleased you have enrolled in this class and we hope next year's course will open your eyes and ears to our governmental system, political environment and your presumed role in it. Next year will be an exciting year for you all, not only because it will be your senior year, but because it promises to be a very heated election season. In the fall, we will engage in learning activities surrounding the 2024 Presidential Elections. According to the College Board's course description, "Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics provides a college-level, nonpartisan introduction to key political concepts, ideas, institutions, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the constitutional system and political culture of the United States. Students will study U.S. foundational documents, Supreme Court decisions, and other texts and visuals to gain an understanding of the relationships and interactions among political institutions, processes, and behaviors. [Students] will also engage in disciplinary practices that require them to read and interpret data, make comparisons and applications, and develop evidence-based arguments. In addition, [students] will complete a political science research or applied civics project."

The College Board redesigned the course curriculum framework and exam in 2018 with the help of many stakeholders including AP teachers, higher education faculty as well as the public at-large and experts from across the political spectrum. This course will require all of us to push ourselves to do our best work. Independent reading and current events analysis is essential to succeeding in the AP U.S. Government & Politics course. The summer assignment lays a great foundation for our first unit of study and will allow you to become an informed and engaged citizen participant. Every week in class we will be exploring the current events surrounding our government. Enjoy your summer and stay engaged in terms of what is happening in our country and world. If you have any questions regarding the summer assignment on the subsequent pages, please do not hesitate emailing me.

The summer assignment will be due on the first day of school 8/15/24 and for those with extended time 8/22-23/24. We will test on those subjects on 8/26-27/2024.

Best Regards,

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Summer Assignment Details:
Textbook Link: [AP_GOVTextbook.pdf](#)
Textbook Assignment: [Unit 1 Reading Guide-1-4.pdf](#)

**Handout must be PRINTED and answers must be HANDWRITTEN.
TYPED ANSWERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**