

AP Government & Politics

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Summer Assignment

Welcome to AP US Government and Politics! This course is designed to give you a college-level, non-partisan, look into “the key political concepts, ideas, institutions, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the constitutional system and political culture of the United States” (College Board). This is a rigorous semester course that will involve the analysis of many of our foundational documents, Supreme Court decisions, an array of statistical data, and various other text and visual sources. To be successful in AP Government, you will need a strong work ethic and a commitment to hone your discussion and study skills. My goal is to provide you with not only the tools to earn college credit on the AP Exam in May, but also the knowledge and skills to be more informed and engaged civic leaders in our nation. I am looking forward to working with you all next year!

The purpose of this preliminary assignment is not meant to deter you from the course or intimidate students. But instead is meant to introduce you to the document that will be woven into each of our units this year, and which acts as the key foundation for our course: The United States Constitution. Having a basic understanding of the elements of this document will allow us to hit the ground running, considering how much content we have to cover in a few short months.. For the same purpose, I am also asking that you familiarize yourself with the vocabulary necessary to engage in our content from day 1 of class.

You will be tested over The Constitution and required vocabulary within the first 2 weeks of class.

I will be back to work and my school email in early August; you can contact me at lplank@psdschools.org