

AP Government and Politics Summer Assignment 2022

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The completed summer assignment is due on the first full day of the first full week of classes in **SEPTEMBER**.

Late work will be evaluated, and can earn a grade of no more than a 60.

If you are new to the district (registration after August 1st) your work will be due **the first week in October**.

Follow the news! (Summative Grade)

- Choose four weeks during the summer and read one newspaper and one periodical article per week beginning the week of June 20.
 - **(total 8 articles – 2 per week)***
 - The purpose of the two different types of articles is that a newspaper article is generally less in depth, and focuses on the “new” news. Periodicals (magazines) spend more time researching and publishing, as they are weekly or monthly.
- After reflecting on each reading, write a two-paragraph journal entry in which you comment on both the **political/constitutional ideology** as presented in each piece as well as the **implications of the issue** for the future of the United States.
 - Topics that we will be studying that you will want to look for:

Federal Legislation	Political Parties	Judicial Cases/Decisions	Civil Rights/Civil liberties
Executive Decisions/Policy	Elections	Government Agencies - policies and regulations	Constitutional Issues
Interest Groups	Campaigns/Campaign Finance	State governments - legislation/policy decisions	Role of Media in politics

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- *dates may be flexible to accommodate vacations as long as **4** different weeks are represented. You may use sources not listed below as long as they are not partisan sources, sponsored and/or paid for by a specific political group. Although the sources need not be academic sources, they must be respected and academically rigorous.
- This journal may be completed on a Google doc/Word, or handwritten.

Newspapers – online or hard copy

Washington Post
New York Times
Los Angeles Times
Philadelphia Inquirer
Boston Globe
Star Ledger
Wall Street Journal

Magazines – online or hard copy

The Week
The Atlantic
The Economist
The Weekly Standard
National Review
The New Republic
Harper’s

FOLLOW THE NEWS

_____/80 points (Summative)

- 10 points awarded for succinct summary and analysis of content and its relevance to concepts of political/constitutional ideology. Total of 8 articles results in a possible score of 80.
- Include a link to the article, or cite source, author, title and date if reading a paper version