

## AP US Government

### Summer Reading and Activities

In order to prepare for the upcoming year, you will be doing some independent research on key documents and ideologies. Below are the expectations for the summer activities.

1. The Constitution of the United States represents the foundation of our government. Understanding the basic structure will help you take a more active role in classroom discussions. Read and summarize all articles of the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights in a maximum three-page paper. Your summary should define the basic purpose of the article as well as ways of achieving the stated goal. This assignment must be submitted to the Schoology drop box before the first day of school. (15 points).
2. One of the most important skills you must develop in this course is applying knowledge of historical documents and events to modern political issues. Over the summer, you will read a minimum of five articles from newspapers or periodicals regarding current political events. You will analyze the article to determine the constitutional protections/issues (see #1) involved in the story. You will create a digital scrapbook of your readings. Each entry should include a visual (image from the story or related to the constitutional issue), a citation for the article, and a rationale for why you related the article to specific constitutional concept. This will be due to the Schoology drop box on the first day of school (15 points).
3. The Federalist Papers represent a key step in the ratification of the US Constitution. You will read Federalist Papers 1, 10, 39, and 51. In a maximum five-page paper, you will summarize the primary arguments presented for a strong central government in each essay (12 points). There will be a quiz on these reading the first day of school.

Finally, I will share information via our class email and Twitter. You can find me on Twitter under @royal\_Appstate. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need assistance. However, I spend much of my summer in areas with no cell service or internet access. It may take up to a week for me to respond in June and July.

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