

AP US Government Summer Assignment 2023

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In order to prepare for the AP US Government class, you will be required to complete the following summer assignment. There are multiple components, so please take care to read through the directions carefully.

- 1. Paper-** You will write a clear, well-documented paper with a clear thesis, comparing and contrasting Republicans and Democrats. The paper should address the historical evolution of the two parties, changing viewpoints, and target demographics. You should also include their positions on the following topics: drugs, crime control, abortion, social security, economy, gun control, immigration, gay rights, and health care. Be sure to address the nuances within each party. You will find that there are differing views even within each party. The paper must be a minimum of 7 pages in length, not including the works cited page. You must use MLA format. You must also submit it to turnitin.com by no later than the end of the first week of school. The paper you submit to turnitin.com must match the hard copy you will turn in to me on the first day of school. You will have a link provided in Schoology for Turnitin.com. A score of 80% or better must be earned on this paper in order to remain in the class! If you plagiarize or use Chat GPT or any other AI, you will be dropped from the course.
- 2. Current Events-** You will be required to collect at least 10 newspaper or magazine clippings pertaining to United States politics. These may be in hard copy or online form. You need to keep abreast of the major events occurring in the U.S. (as a student in AP Government and as a conscientious citizen). You need 4 articles from June 4 from July, and 2 from August. Include a short summary for each article, as well as your views on the issue. Each summary should be no less than half a page in length. Attach a dated copy of each article to each summary. You must organize the articles and summaries in chronological order. They must also be in a binder. The binder must be neat in appearance. If you plagiarize or use Chat GPT or any other AI, you will be dropped from the course.
- 3. Read Chapters One and Two in the Government In America text.** Be sure you know the information well enough to be tested on it upon your return to school. There will be two tests, one on each chapter, during the first week of school. You will need to be sure to purchase the text book as soon as possible. The sooner the better, because textbooks get backordered sometimes. No excuse will be accepted if you are unprepared to take the tests. It is your responsibility to make sure you have a textbook. A score of 70% or better must be earned on each test in order to remain in the class.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at rmisiow@jserra.org. It may take a few days for me to reply. The summer assignment is due on the first day of school, August 14th. Failure to hand in any part of the summer assignment on that date is grounds for dismissal from the course.

Have a great summer!

