

AP U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2021

Welcome to Advanced Placement U.S. Government & Politics. I am so pleased you have enrolled in this class and I hope next year's course will be productive and enlightening for you. The Advanced Placement U.S. Government class is a one semester program that we will be finished with in January of 2022

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.”

Starting in January 2022, we will begin the 2nd semester of the government Advanced Placement curriculum. AP Comparative Government and Politics will be a survey course analyzing six countries around the world and comparing their political culture and institutions to the United States system. The six countries we will be studying are: China, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia and the United Kingdom

The summer assignments for this year will focus on the United States Constitution and some current events. I hope that this assignment will lay a great foundation for our first unit of study and will allow you to become an informed and engaged citizen participant. Many of you may not currently reads national newspapers like the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post. You may not even watch nightly news television programs on CBS, ABC, CNN or Fox News. I hope the summer assignments help you change this behavior and help you be fully prepared for our class. A desire to want to learn about our government and political system can really help your preparation for next year.

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 to get in touch through our school emails.

The summer assignments will be due **Friday, August 27th, 2021**

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