

AP US Government and Politics

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2019-20 Summer Project

Preparing for the AP US Government and Politics Course and Summer Readings

2019-2020

Dear Students,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 AP US Government and Politics class. Our task is to explore the theory and function of government in the United States through an intense program of study culminating with the AP US Government and Politics exam. This course is approved by the College Board and also qualifies for Camden County College's High School Plus dual credit program. Your success in this class could potentially save you a significant amount of time and money in college.

I. As a matter of preparation, I am requiring that all students in the class become completely familiar with the content of the course as outlined on the College Board's AP Central website. The address is www.collegeboard.com. Click on AP Central and follow to Government and Politics United States. Please download and print a course outline for your use during the year. You will also receive a copy of the Barron's AP Test Prep booklet. Spend some quality time getting to know the various question types that will be included on the exam.

II. As a summer project, I am asking that you maintain a series of current events, one for each week of the summer beginning the first week of July. Cite the sources that you use as reference. I've attached a general format that we will use over the course of the year as a guide.

III. You will need to take a copy of the Barrons AP US Gov/Pol study guide home with you for the summer to begin reading for the course. You can either get one from me while supplies last or purchase one online or at a book store. The AP Gov crash course book is also invaluable to your success in this class

REMEMBER – Study the AP Central website and KNOW what to expect on the exam.

Have a safe and happy summer – see you in the fall,

Mr. Corcoran

Name: _____/Class_____ Grade_____/

AP GOVERNMENT WEEKLY CURRENT EVENTS

Every week, you will need to find a current event that deals with one of the main topics for the AP Government and Politics course. This could be from a newspaper, magazine, website, or Sunday political talk show such as *Meet the Press* or *This Week*.

I. CONSTITUTIONAL UNDERPINNINGS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

II. CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

III. POLITICAL BELIEFS AND BEHAVIORS

IV. POLITICAL PARTIES, INTEREST GROUPS, AND THE MASS MEDIA—Linkages between people and Government

V. INSTITUTIONS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

VI. PUBLIC POLICY

Topic: _____

Article Title (if applicable): _____

News Source: _____ Date: _____

Summary: (4-5 sentences)—Write legibly!!!

How does this topic/action affect me as a citizen? (3-4 sentences)

Of all the main units of AP Government and Politics, which Unit(s) would the current event fit under and why? Explain.
