

**AP United States Government and Politics
Summer Assignment**

Google Classroom Code:

Description: We are going to prepare as though you are participating in the American Legion Oratorical Contest. The contest, to put it simply, is, “A constitutional speech contest.”

You will be writing a speech (see the description below) and delivering it on tape (to be uploaded to Google Classroom). I will be the only one to see the video unless you choose to share it with the class in September. The segment of the competition we will be mimicking is called “The Prepared Oration.” Here is the description of this segment:

- The oration (speech) must be on some aspect of the Constitution, with emphasis on a citizen’s duties and obligations to our government.
- You cannot read your speech. You should prepare it and then deliver it based on memory.
- Quotations must always be indicated as such. Where quotations are more than 10 words in length, the author’s name must be given in the manuscript and cited orally.
- Props are not permitted.
- The speech should be no fewer than six minutes, no more than ten minutes (in the actual contest the requirement is no fewer than eight minutes but for our purposes we are using six).

Rubric: The Oratorical

TRANSCRIPT		
The Transcript of the speech is complete, accurate, complies with the rules, and addresses the prompt. 40-50 points	The Transcript of the speech is mostly complete, mostly accurate, complies with the rules, and addresses the prompt. 30-39 points	The Transcript of the speech is incomplete and/or includes extensive inaccuracies and/or does not comply with the rules, and/or does not address the prompt. 0-29 points
Video/Speech Length		
More than 6 minutes, less than 10 minutes: 10 points	More than 5 minutes, less than 6 minutes: 8 points	Less than 5 minutes: 0 points
Delivery		
The Speech reflected the transcript, was accurate, complied with the rules (no prompts, no unattributed or long quotes, did not read the speech), the speaker stood during the speech, and the delivery was powerful. 35-40 points	The Speech mostly reflected the transcript, was relatively accurate, complied with most of the rules (no prompts, no unattributed or long quotes, did not read the speech), the speaker stood during the speech, and the delivery was adequate. 25-34 points	The Speech did not reflect the transcript and/or had inaccuracies, and/or did not comply with the rules (no prompts, no unattributed or long quotes, did not read the speech), and/or the speaker was sitting, and/or the delivery was inadequate. 0-24 points

Total: _____/100 Point Test Grade