

Advanced Placement U.S. Government & Politics
Summer Assignment 2021

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Welcome to Advanced Placement U.S. Government & Politics!

To help prepare you for next year, please complete the following assignment. It is due on the first day of class in August. Feel free to send me an email over the summer if you have any questions or concerns. I will check my OHS email account about once a week.

Assignment #1

Print, read and annotate the US Constitution. Write down 2 things that surprised you and 2 questions.

These annotations are due the first day of class.

Here is a link to the US Constitution.

<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution-transcript>

Assignment #2 (Optional)

As part of this course I highly recommend that you follow current events and politics. It will greatly enhance your understanding of the theoretical concepts of government and help you retain the material because you will be able to link the theory to events.

So, I recommend that you follow the news. Be sure to pay particular attention to the political news - What is Congress doing/not doing? What decisions did the Supreme Court hand down? What is going on with the President/the election? We will have time to discuss current events from the summer during the first week back in August. You may follow the news in whatever way works for you, but I recommend one (or more) of the following:

- Listen to podcasts. There are short, daily podcasts that cover much of what is going on. They are all free and you can listen to them on a smartphone or a computer. I recommend the following:
UpFirst (NPR) <https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510318/up-first> and/or
The Daily (NY Times) <https://www.nytimes.com/column/the-daily>
- Read the paper. Please be sure it is a credible source. I recommend the *New York Times* <https://www.nytimes.com/> or the *Washington Post* <https://www.washingtonpost.com>. You should have free, unlimited access to the NY Times as a student at Oceana. Please let me know if you are unable to access it for free.

There are also many political podcasts that are quite good. If you are interested and have some time over the summer, I recommend the following:

- *The Experiment*
<https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/experiment>
- *Amicus* (with Dahlia Lithwick) - read the topic descriptions and listen to those that are interesting to you.
<https://slate.com/podcasts/amicus>
- *More Perfect* (from the makers of RadioLab) - **Season 1 or Season 2**
<https://www.wnycstudios.org/shows/radiolabmoreperfect/season-one>