

AP Government and Politics Summer Work- 2022-23

You will have three assignments this summer, all of which are detailed below. In order to complete the summer work, you will need to join my Google Classroom and you will also need to submit 2 assignments **on turnitin.com**. You should join both of these as soon as possible. The first assignment is due **July 27th**, the second on **August 24th**, and the final one will be due on **the first day of class**. No late work is accepted.

Important: Join these right away!

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Another important note: Please email me at edward.gould@pembrokek12.org if you have any questions at all!

Assignment #1: Foundational Documents

Directions: On the AP Government Exam, there are **9** mandatory documents that you will need to know. Over the summer, you will need to summarize **6** of them (you do not need to do the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, or Articles of Confederation). For each of the following documents, you will need to do 2 things:

- a) Copy and paste a quote from the document that you feel best signifies the key message of the document.
- b) Write a 6-8 sentence response explaining the quote and the overall message of the foundational document.

1. Federalist No. 10
2. Brutus No. 1
3. Federalist No. 51
4. Federalist No. 70
5. Federalist No. 78
6. Letter from a Birmingham Jail

This link at Khan Academy can be a helpful resource for this:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-us-government-and-politics/resources-and-exam-preparation/required-documents-and-cases/a/required-primary-documents-for-ap-government-and-politics>

This assignment will be due on turnitin.com at **11:59pm on Wednesday July 27th**. **No late work will be accepted.**

Assignment #2: Four NPR Politics Podcasts Summaries

Directions: As a member of this class, it is important that you start building the habit of keeping up with local, state, and national politics. The NPR Politics Podcast is a great way to keep up on all the major national news of the week. You should subscribe to this podcast and listen to the **Weekly Roundup, which is released every Friday**. They will air other episodes on every weekday, but these “Weekly Roundups” are the best for summarizing all of the key events for a whole week. For these, once they get to the “Can’t Let It Go” section (usually the last 5 minutes) you do not have to continue listening. **Summaries based on episodes that are not Weekly Roundups will not be accepted These episodes are all at least 20 minutes long.**

You will write four 1-page summaries of different episodes You will compile this into a single document and submit it to turnitin.com by **Wednesday, August 25th at 11:59pm on turnitin.com. No late work will be accepted.** This is not something that you can save for the last minute, so you should be working on it throughout the summer.

Link to the podcasts:

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510310/npr-politics-podcast>

Note: You can also subscribe to this on the podcast app on your phone, which I would recommend.

Questions to consider for your episode summaries:

What bills are Congress working on/debating?

What message is President Biden trying to send to the American people?

Why is Joe Manchin so important?

How is the economy doing, and what is the government doing to help it?

How are different parts of the country responding to the coronavirus pandemic?

What is going on in other countries (North Korea, China, Russia) and how are American leaders responding?

What major decisions have our federal courts been making?

Who are some rising stars in the Democratic and Republican parties?

What are Democrats and Republicans fighting about?

What should we expect to happen in the midterm elections?

Assignment #3: Handwritten notes on Chapter 1

Read this [Chapter 1 PDF](#) and take notes. You need to write a set of handwritten notes and bring them to class on the first day of school. **No late work will be accepted.** This will give you a basic summary of how our government works.