

AP GOVERNMENT

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Congratulations on taking AP Government next year. I hope you find the field of government and politics interesting and look forward to a successful 2020-2021 school year.

The summer assignment is designed to get you engaged in the current political debate. Five different times this summer I want you to take some time and study an aspect of politics or government. (Hopefully you would be doing this anyway!) I would like you to read a newspaper or magazine article, watch something on television, read something online, etc. that relates to government and/or politics. The article could be a straight news item or it could be an editorial or opinion piece. (Topic examples - Presidential politics, any piece of legislation, presidential election issue, Supreme Court decision, political philosophy.....)

After you have read the article or watched the program, write a two to three paragraph reaction paper. The paper should summarize the issue and I would also like you to write your opinion on the issue or article. Please use the attached templates to complete the assignments – or attach a typed response if you prefer. (One from June, two from July and two from August.)

I do not expect you to spend a lot of time on this summer assignment but I do encourage you to spend time following current events and politics this summer. We spend a good bit of class discussing contemporary political issues and some background knowledge will help you during the class discussions.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Mr. Gerber

(Bring completed assignment with you the first day of school.)

Date - June _____

Media (TV, Newspaper, Magazine, etc.) -

Article/Program Title -

Summary and Opinion

Date - July ____

Media (TV, Newspaper, Magazine, etc.) -

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Date - July ____

Media (TV, Newspaper, Magazine, etc.) -

Article/Program Title -

Summary and Opinion

Date - August ____

Media (TV, Newspaper, Magazine, etc.) -

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