

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

2019–2020

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Welcome to the world of AP American Government. This course is a study of how the American Government works and the players who are involved; it also is one of the few Social Studies courses where most of the people we study are actually ALIVE.

Please complete the following assignments over the summer and be ready to take a quiz on the Supreme Court Cases on the first day of school. If you fail to study the court cases, you will have a difficult time receiving an “A” or “B” in the course. The assignments are due July 31, 2019. The work that you are submitting is your own work. Do not use any work that you did not create. Your work is being submitted to a website that will compare your work with others.

Student Set Up

1. Go to this website: <http://www.turnitin.com>
2. Click on “Create Account” in the top bar.
3. Once the screen says “Create A User Profile” scroll down a tad and click on the link “Student.”

Create A New Student Account:

Under “Class ID,” type in this number: 21207792

- **You MUST enroll in the correct class to submit work!!!
 - Under “Class Enrollment Password,” type in: #APGOVT
 - Enter your first name, last name, and email address.
 - Enter and confirm your very own password (Write It DOWN!!).
 - Choose a “secret question,” and then provide your “question answer.” Make sure you can remember this.
 - Read the user agreement, and then click on “I agree—create profile.”
4. Success!! You should see yourself enrolled in my class. Now start submitting work!!

To Upload Assignments:

1. Click on the class name you belong to (Class of 2020)

2. Find the name of the assignment you're uploading, and click on "Submit." (on the right)

The assignments should be labeled as:

Required Primary Documents (Load all 9 at the same time)

Required Supreme Court Cases (Load all 15 at the same time)

3. For "paper item submission method," choose "Single File Upload."

- Type in your first name, last name, and title of your paper.
- Click on "Choose File," and select the file on the computer drive that contains your paper.
- Click on "Upload."
- Verify that the paper you intend to upload is the one you see in the box.
- Click on "Submit." If you Submit EARLY you can FIX any problems!!
- Log back in to http://www.turnitin.com/en_us/
- Click on your class name (Class of 2020).
- Select the paper you submitted, and click on "View."
- Enjoy the summer and be ready for the Supreme Court Quiz on August 12.

Assignment 1: Required primary documents

<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>

Read the text, read the articles, and watch the videos. Summarize the 9 required primary documents.

The Declaration of Independence

The Articles of Confederation

The Constitution of the United States

Federalist No. 10

Brutus No. 1

Federalist No. 51

Federalist No. 70

Federalist No. 78

Letter from a Birmingham Jail

Assignment 2: Supreme Court Readings (do all 15 cases)

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Watch the videos and read the articles. Answer BRIEFLY the following questions:

- 1) What was the background of the case?
- 2) What is the issue before the Supreme Court?
- 3) What was the decision (for or against and the numbers)?
- 4) What was their rationale for the decision (What amendment and principle did the court cite)?

Marbury v. Madison (1803)

McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)

Schenck v. United States (1919)

Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka (1954)

Baker v. Carr (1961)

Engel v. Vitale (1962)

Gideon v. Wainwright (1963)

Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District (1969)

New York Times Company v. United States (1971)

Wisconsin v. Yoder (1972)

Roe v. Wade (1973)

Shaw v. Reno (1993)

United States v. Lopez (1995)

McDonald v. Chicago (2010)

Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (FEC) (2010)