

## AP U.S. Government and Politics

### AP Government and Politics Summer Assignment 2020-2021

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#### The U.S. Constitution Study Guide

Available at: <https://constitutioncenter.org/> (Any credible site is useful, DO NOT use Wikipedia)

Welcome to AP U.S. Government and Politics. This course will navigate a curriculum as outlined by the College Board.

**Directions:** Read the U.S. Constitution and complete the aligned questions in complete sentences. You should have or create a binder that has 5 categories: **Do Now, Vocabulary, Notes, Classwork/Homework, and Supplemental Readings.** Your summer assignments will be typed and printed and placed within the class notes section of your binder.

**This is DUE on the first day of class. It will be checked and returned as appropriate.**

#### **PART 1: U.S. History**

1. Describe the origins and impacts of the American Revolution and Declaration of Independence.
2. Describe the causes of the Framers wanting independence from Britain.
3. Explain the New Jersey and Virginia Plan.
4. Explain the Connecticut Compromise.
5. What is limited government and how it is outlined in the U.S. Government?
6. What is the significance of the Enlightenment Period?
7. What is laissez faire? How does it impact the economy?
8. Differentiate between Federalist and Anti-federalist.
9. Explain the collapse of the Articles of Confederation.
10. Compare and contrast the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution.
11. Explain the Monroe Doctrine.
12. Describe Manifest Destiny.
13. What is the 3/5 compromise? How did it impact government?
14. Why was the Louisiana Purchase significant?
15. Why was the Missouri Compromise significant?
16. Explain the impacts and causes of the Mexican-American War.

17. Explain the purposes and impacts of the American Civil War.
18. Explain the significance of the Emancipation Proclamation.
19. Explain the significance of the Reconstruction era.

## **PART 2: Constitution**

**Analyze and Explain: Amendments 1-27, Articles 1-7, Preamble, Principles of Government, Branches of Government and Constitutional Clauses. Be certain to have a clear and thorough presentation of information.**

### **Amendments:**

What rights are present? What is its purpose? Etc.

### **Articles:**

What does the Article discuss? What are qualifications for governmental positions? Etc.

### **Clauses:**

What is the significance of each clause? How does it impact society? Etc.

Necessary and Proper Clause, Elastic Clause, Supremacy Clause, Militia Clause, Confrontation clause, Free-exercise Clause, Establishment Clause, Due Process Clause, Equal Protection Clause, Commerce clause, Reconstruction Amendments, Reserved Powers Clause, Full Faith and Credit Clause

### **Principles of Government:**

Popular Sovereignty, Federalism, Republicanism, Separations of Powers, Checks and Balances, Limited Government, and Individual Rights.

### **Branches:**

Executive, Legislative, Judicial, and News

## **Part 3: Other Relevant Information**

Discuss and/or define the critical aspects of each term. liberalism, conservatism, democrat, republican, libertarian, green party, third party, open door policy, gilded age, implied powers, inherent powers, enumerated powers, categorical grant, block grant, Political Action committee, incumbent, prior restraint, judicial review, judicial restraint, fiscal policy, monetary policy, federal reserve, FDIC, judicial activism, discretionary spending, entitlement spending, filibuster, iron triangle, winner-take-all system, electoral college, Civil Rights, Civil Liberties, NATO, Warsaw Pact, Reaganomics, New Deal, Watergate, Great Depression.