

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

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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.

This is not a college prep class, rather it is a class taught at a college level and college credit may be earned. If you are not willing to spend 6 hours a week outside of class studying for this course, please take American Government Honors or dual enrollment at Pasco-Hernando State College.

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 August 1, 2017. If you are enrolled in the Spring course, the assignments are still due August 1, 2017.**

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To Upload Assignments:

1. Click on the class name you belong to (GOPO 2017-2018).
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The assignments should be labeled as:

Federalist 10 and 51

Supreme Court Cases

US Constitution Study Questions

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- Enjoy the summer and be ready for the Supreme Court Quiz on August 14.

Assignment 1: Supreme Court Readings (do all 17 cases)

<http://landmarkcases.org/en/landmark/home>

Click on one of the cases under the heading "THE CASES" (on the bottom right of the page).

Read the Overview.

Click "Decision" then click on "Summary of the Decision".

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)?

Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka

Dred Scott v. Sandford

Gibbons v. Ogden

Gideon v. Wainwright

Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier

Korematsu v. U.S.

Mapp v. Ohio

Marbury v. Madison

McCulloch v. Maryland

Miranda v. Arizona

New Jersey v. T.L.O.

Plessy v. Ferguson

Roe v. Wade

Texas v. Johnson

United States v. Nixon

Regents of the University of California v. Bakke

Tinker v. Des Moines School District

Assignment 2: The Federalist Papers 10 and 51- Read both and write a summary for each.

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/1404/1404-h/1404->

Assignment 3:

The link below is to the text of the United States Constitution:

http://www.senate.gov/civics/constitution_item/constitution.htm

Answer the following questions about the Constitution:

United States Constitution Study Questions

- According to the Constitution, who or what possesses the power to establish the government of the United States? What are the responsibilities of the Constitution?
- Baron de Montesquieu's *Spirit of the Laws* outlines the concept of separation of powers. How many branches of government does the Constitution establish? Describe each branch's general responsibilities.
- Which branch does Article I of the Constitution establish? What is the proper term for this branch's institution?
- Define bicameral. What are the two houses of the legislative branch?
- How many years are in a term for a member of the House of Representatives? How many terms may a member of the House of Representatives be elected to?
- What are the qualifications to become a member of the House of Representatives?

- Who chooses the Speaker of the House?
- What power does the House of Representatives solely possess?
- How many Senators does each state possess?
- How many years in a term for a member of the Senate?
- How many terms may a Senator be elected to?
- What are the qualifications to become a Senator?
- Who is the President of the Senate? What are the responsibilities, if any, of the President of the Senate?
- What is the President pro tempore?
- What power does the Senate solely possess?
- Who or what is responsible for the way members of Congress are elected?
- Each house may censure any of its members. How is a member of each house expelled?
- Which house of Congress is the only house to introduce a bill for raising revenue? Does the other house have any affect on the bill?
- For a bill to become law, it must be passed and approved by what entities?
- List all powers of Congress from Article I, Section 8.
- Congress may not issue a writ of habeas corpus. What is a writ of habeas corpus? Are there any loopholes for Congress to issue a writ of habeas corpus according to the Constitution?
- Congress may not issue a bill of attainder. What is a bill of attainder?
- Congress may not issue an ex post facto law. What is an ex post facto law?
- List the limits of Congress.
- List the prohibitions of the states.

- Which branch does Article II establish? What is the proper term for this branch's institution?
- How many years are there in a presidential term?
- How is the president elected? How is representation determined in the Electoral College?
- What are the qualifications to become a president?
- What are the powers and responsibilities of the president?
- For which offenses can the president be impeached/removed from office? Describe said process.
- Which branch does Article III establish? What is the proper term for this branch's institution?
- What are the term limits for federal justices?
- What is original jurisdiction? What cases does the Supreme Court have original jurisdiction?
- What is appellate jurisdiction? What cases does the Supreme Court have appellate jurisdiction?
- How is treason defined? How may one be convicted of treason?
- What overall concept is defined by Article IV?
- Describe the Full Faith and Credit Clause.
- What does Article IV guarantee for citizen of each state?
- What does Article IV guarantee for every state?
- Article V outlines the amendment process. How is an amendment passed?
- In Article VI, what does the clause "Supreme Law of the Land" mean in regards to the Constitution?
- Who is bound to the "Supreme Law of the Land" in Article VI?

- What are the first ten amendments of the Constitution collectively known as?
- In Amendment I, what does “make no law respecting an establishment of religion” mean?
- In Amendment I, what freedoms are guaranteed?
- What is guaranteed by Amendment II?
- What is guaranteed by Amendment III?
- How are people and property protected in Amendment IV?
- What are the guarantees in Amendment V?
- What are the guarantees in Amendment VI?
- What is guaranteed in Amendment VII?
- What is guaranteed in Amendment VIII?
- What does Amendment IX guarantee?
- What does Amendment X guarantee?
- What is guarantee by Amendment XI?
- Describe the electoral process for the president and vice president in Amendment XII.
- What does Amendment XIII prohibit?
- What does Amendment XIV, Section 1 guarantee?
- How does Amendment XIV, Section 2 enforce the right to vote?
- What is guaranteed by Amendment XV?
- What power is authorized by Amendment XVI?
- How does Amendment XVII change the way senators are elected? Be sure to describe the original and the change.

- What is acknowledged by the 18th and 21st Amendments?
- What is guaranteed by Amendment XIX?
- What is addressed in Amendment XX?
- How are presidential terms affected by Amendment XXII?
- What is guaranteed by Amendment XXIII?
- What is prohibited by Amendment XXIV?
- Describe the process for presidential succession in Amendment XXV.
- What is guaranteed by Amendment XXVI?
- What is established by Amendment XXVII?