

AP U.S. Government & Politics Summer Assignment

To have a little background knowledge right at the start of class, and to get you thinking about government & politics in America presently, you have 3 small assignments to accomplish.

1) Supreme Court.

- In late June, the Supreme Court will be announcing their rulings on many of the cases they've heard during their October through June session. Pick one case to summarize (name, what it was about, how the vote went, impact). These two websites will have all the information you need: www.scotusblog.com, and www.oyezz.org.

2) Congressional or Presidential Action.

- Summarize and reflect (opinion etc.) on an article you found that refers to some sort of policy that either house of Congress reported on. In other words something Congress did regarding government that made the news. This can be straight news or an opinion piece, but you must identify it as such, include the headline, the source and its author. **Or** you can do the same regarding a presidential action.

3) Basics of the Constitution.

- Review (study) the attached sheet on the Constitution (Preamble, Articles, and Amendments). We will look at these in more detail during the course, but it will be good to have some simple background knowledge. You will have a quiz on these the first or second day of class.