



Dear AP Government and Politics Student:

Welcome! What a great time in our history to be studying the U.S. government. According to the AP Government and Politics website, “This course introduces students to key political ideas, institutions, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the political culture of the United States. The course examines politically significant concepts and themes, through which students learn to apply disciplinary reasoning, assess causes and consequences of political events, and interpret data to develop evidence-based arguments.” With this kind of insight into our government system you will be smarter than most of the country. This document and all other summer homework will be accessible on the North website.

### **Summer Homework**

- **What political issues do you care about?**

Describe one political issue (e.g., taxes, education, religion, rights of women, civil rights for people of color, free speech, foreign involvement, abortion, capital punishment, gun rights/control, free college, environmental issues, etc.) that you care about. Most everything is political. If it’s tied to the economy, it’s probably political. Your writing should be a solid page, double spaced, 11 point font, that explains your reasons for interest in the chosen topic. Then, add a link to a current event article that you will use to help you write an argumentative essay when we return the first week of August.

[AP GOPO themes, required court cases and documents and key concepts](#)

Review the document above before August to get yourself familiar with what we will study this coming year.

Questions???? Email me. I don’t bite.

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Send summer homework to the email above. It is due the day we return from summer break. You may write or type all answers on one paper.

Look forward to next year!

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