

2025-2026 Jopling AP US Government and Politics Prep Work

Happy SUMMER! In order to help you connect with our course content, I would like you to follow the Federal Government in the news. You can follow the government in general, but the Federal Government is vast and it may be easier to choose a news event or a branch that interests you and keep up with what is happening throughout the summer. For example, you could follow the holding, reaction and impact of one of the decisions by the Supreme Court or the cutting of Federal jobs/downsizing of Federal Agencies or how the government is handling the economy and foreign trade or any other policy that interests you. You will be asked to share with the class what you learned. You will not be required to turn anything in as this will be an in class discussion. The more you pay attention to what is happening in our government the easier it will be for you to relate to the content of the class. If you are a spring AP Government student, please plan to do this throughout the summer and fall.

What to look for in the news:

- The Executive Branch
 - the President
 - The Bureaucracy - this includes things like the Department of Justice, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Federal Reserve (Fed)
- The Legislative Branch
 - Senate
 - House of Representatives
- Judicial Branch
 - Supreme Court (Decisions for the 2024-2025 session come out in June)
 - Federal District and Circuit courts