

Choose Your Own Adventure: POL 51 Assignments Overview

These are the learning activities available to you this semester. You do not have to do all of them! Pick 100 points (or so) worth of things you'd like to do, then plan out how and when you'll do them; write this up as your first blog post, which you'll revisit at the middle and end of the course. **Blogging and Class Participation are required**, but the rest is up to you. Some adventures have a linked assignment sheet, while the rest have a description below the list of adventures (scroll down to read them).

Adventures	Due Date/How to Submit	Points
Required: Weekly Blog	When it's your team's turn, write a blog post that relates (but does not summarize!) to our topic for the week, linking to and analyzing a current news article. Read and reply to at least two classmates' blog posts each week when you're not blogging. Final post & Grade Reflection due December 13.	8 (1st 1/2 of semester)
		8 (2nd 1/2 of semester)
Required: Class Participation	Prepare for and actively participate in class sessions each week. Grade yourself in your final reflection by December 13.	10
What's Your Problem	Email your problem by November 4, final letter due by December 3- on your blog	15
Congressional Simulation	Information sheet due BEFORE simulation October 22, Participation due in simulation	15
Book Review	Get book approved by November 4, Final review due by December 11	15
Midterm	Online Open Book Midterm Exam. Take from October 25-28	15
Final Exam	Online Open Book Final Exam. Take from December 11-13	15
Meme	by October 13- as a blog post	10
American Government Photo Essay	by November 17- link in a blog post	10
Film Review	November 17, as a blog post	10
Design Your Own Assignment	Email me with a project proposal for approval first; proposals submitted after November 4 are unlikely to be approved. Final project must be submitted and presented in the final class meeting on December 3.	10

10 Minute Class	December 1, as a blog post	10
Museum Review	December 1, as a blog post	10
Protest Poster	by November 24- as a blog post	10
Translate a Week of Slides	Confirm this assignment with professor by November 12; slides must be submitted by December 14.	7
Introduction Slide	by September 18 - add your slide to the linked slideshow	5
Class Notetaker	Sign up for a day and post edited notes by the end of the day on Collaborative Notes here.	5
Judicial Branch Class Activity	Complete the activity by November 13 for 5 points! (you should be able to complete it in the time we would have met for class on November 12)	5
Political Participation	By December 13- on your blog or by email	5
Civic Engagement Form	By December 13	5
Get Some National Parks Passport Stamps	October 20- on your blog	5
Selfie with George	By September 24, on your blog	5
Final Slide	by December 3 - add your slide to linked slideshow.*	5