

AP Government and Politics : Summer Assignment

Throughout the year current events are going to play an important role in how you view and understand our government. It is vital that you understand the role that our government plays in our daily lives as well as the lives of others around the world. You are going to have to take in the viewpoints of different perspectives so that you can better understand what you know and think as well as those who oppose you believe.

You are going to do this in a variety of ways. You will need to broaden your information of news to outside of the social media apps. Look online at news sites (not just yahoo news) IPL.org (go to read room for international newspapers), MSNBC, FOX News, CNN, NPR etc... You can also view online newspapers such as the Washington Post, or the Chicago Times. Watch programs on TV look at PBS (it is more than just Sesame Street), or other network cable shows! Go Beyond your comfort zone!!!!

Pick any week of the summer and complete the following for 3 news stories during the week.

- Write down the Name of the source, Name of the article or program, and its date.
- Write a brief summary of the article (5-10 sentences). For the topic with two points of view, you must include each view point in your summary.
- Write your opinion of the information or show, was it interesting, did you understand all of it, what questions do you have, how does this relate to our government.

Make sure to :

- **Pick topics that are relevant**, I do not care if the 7-Eleven was robbed or any other local news.
- **One of the 3 articles must be an international event that the U.S. is involved in, in some way.** It could be a conference with the Secretary of State, or the United Nations, a response by the President to a country. Just some examples of what I am looking for.
- **One of the 3 articles must be a topic or event and look at two different views of the same subject.** Write two responses giving both views. Try and determine if one view point is "conservative", and the other "liberal". Is it from the perspective of the Republican Party or the Democrat Party.
- **One of the articles is up to you , BUT not entertainment or sports.**
- Find an event that happens within the United States, a lot is happening each and every day.
- Find an event that involves the state of California's government. What rulings did our state Supreme Court rule on, what is happening with the drought, how about our ever in danger budget.....
- It must be handwritten NOT TYPED!!
- **Please print out the first page of your article and attach it to your handwritten summaries.**
This is will be due on the first day of school !
- **If you have any questions please email me at faithyounglund@cusd.com I will do my best to respond in a timely manner while I am enjoying my summer 😊**