

# AP Government Summer Assignment 2024-25

Welcome to AP U.S. Government and Politics. In order to better prepare you for the course, you are required to complete the following assignments. Each assignment will be collected/submitted upon return to school (Exact dates are listed for each individual assignment. If you have any questions over the summer, you can reach either of us at:

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## Assignment 1: Purchase Review Book

A. You are **REQUIRED** to have a copy of the following review book.

- **Barron's AP U.S. Government and Politics 2024-25**
  - i. this can be purchased from Amazon or any bookstore.

## Assignment 2: Book assignment. Purchase the listed book and complete the questions listed

Book Title: Decision in Philadelphia by Collier and Collier

***Due Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024. Submit electronically through Google Classroom to your assigned teacher.***

Please read Decision in Philadelphia: The Constitutional Convention of 1787. Answer the following questions thoroughly and completely on a google doc(1 Paragraph each), and **use specific examples** from the text to illustrate your main points. Answers should be original and not copied from the text. Please cite the page number from the text in your answer.

1. Why did George Washington and others feel that “it was all going wrong” according to chapter 1?
2. What were the ten most interesting facts about America in 1787 to you? Make a list.
3. Why was James Madison so integral to the development of the U.S. Constitution?
4. What made George Washington “unbelievable”?
5. What were the men like who attended the Constitutional Convention? Provide a snapshot of their **demographics**.
6. What were the ideas behind the battles between the representatives of the large states and the representatives of the small states? Compare and contrast their plans for the new government.
7. How did the delegates resolve the differences referred to in question 6?
8. What was the “new alliance” referred to in Chapter 14?
9. What role in working out compromise was played by the western lands as discussed in Chapter 15?
10. How did the founding fathers deal with the continuing question of balancing national and state government power?
11. How did the delegates resolve the issue of executive (presidential) powers?
12. How did the delegates, especially George Mason attempt to deal with the “rights of man”? What was the result?
13. According to the authors, what are the reasons why the Constitution works?
14. According to the authors, what are the four critical problems of the U.S. Constitution?
15. Taking into account your answers to questions 13 and 14, do you agree with the authors that the U.S. Constitution is a “remarkable document”? Why or Why not?

## Assignment 3: Constitution Outline

**Due Date: Monday, August 19th- bring on first day of class)**

**Complete the notes outline of the Constitution. Handwritten directly onto printouts.**

### THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

#### Outline Worksheet

#### Preamble (purpose of the Constitution)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

#### Article I \_\_\_\_\_

#### Section 1 Congress

##### A. Congress made up of:

- 1.
- 2.

#### Section 2 House of Representatives

##### A. Term of office \_\_\_\_

##### B. Qualifications

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

##### C. Describe how the states would be represented in the House.

##### D. Describe the term "Impeachment."

#### Section 3 Senate

##### A. Number of senators from each state \_\_\_\_\_

##### B. Term of office \_\_\_\_\_ .

##### C. Qualifications

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

##### D. Who is the president of the Senate? Who is in charge in his absence?

#### Section 4 Elections and Meetings

##### A. When are congressional elections held?

##### B. Representatives are elected by \_\_\_\_\_.

##### C. How often must Congress meet?

#### Section 5 Rules and Procedures

##### A. What is a quorum?

##### B. Who sets the rules of behavior for both houses of Congress?

## Section 6 Privileges and Restrictions

- A. Describe the contents of paragraph 1.
- B. Describe the contents of paragraph 2.

## Section 7 Method of Passing Laws

- A. What are revenue bills? Where must they originate?
- B. Describe briefly how a bill becomes a law.
- C. What is a presidential veto?
- D. What three choices does the president have if he does not approve of a bill?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

## Section 8 Delegated Powers to the Congress (Identify 5 specific powers)

## Section 9 Powers denied to the Federal Government (Identify 2 specific powers)

## Section 10 Powers denied to the States (List 2)

## Article II

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### Section 1 President and the Vice President

- A. How long is a term of office?
- B. How is the president elected? Briefly Explain the electoral process.
- C. The qualifications for the office of the President are:
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- D. The order of succession to the presidency is:
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- E. What is the oath of office for the presidency? (write it)

### Section 2 Powers of the President (list)

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.

Section 3 Duties of the President

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

Article III \_\_\_\_\_.

Section 1 Federal Courts

A. Judicial powers are placed in the hands of \_\_\_\_\_

Section 2 Jurisdiction

What kind of cases do the Federal Courts hear?

B. What kind of cases are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts?

C. Every person accused of a Federal crime is guaranteed a \_\_\_\_\_ trial.

Section 3 Treason

- A. What is Treason?
- B. What is the punishment for treason?

Article IV. Relations among the States Section 1

Full Faith and Credit

- A. This section is referred to as the "full faith and credit" clause. Why?
- B. What records relate to this clause?

Section 2 Privileges of citizens

- A. A state may not \_\_\_\_\_ against the citizens of other states.
- B. What is "extradition"?

Section 3 New States and Territories. Which state was the only exception to the procedure described in this section? (must think about this)

Section 4 The U.S. shall guarantee each state a \_\_\_\_\_ form of Government.

Article V. \_\_\_\_\_.

Section 1 An amendment must first be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Section 2 2/3 of the state legislatures may request Congress to call a \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3 To ratify a proposed amendment \_\_\_\_\_ of the state legislatures or state conventions must approve.

Article VI \_\_\_\_\_.

Section 1-Public Debts- The U.S. Government assumed all \_\_\_\_\_.

Section 2- The Constitution is the \_\_\_\_\_ law of the land.

Article VII \_\_\_\_\_.

How many states were needed to approve the proposed Constitution before it would take effect?