

Welcome to Advanced Placement Government & Politics, known as AP Gov!

To prepare for AP Gov, I'm assigning one - well, actually two - activities which you will complete over the summer. In this course, you will master the role of government and politics from a historical context as well as examining its impact in an amazing election year!

The AP Mindset

This is a college-level social sciences class taught within the high school environment. It demands considerable time, effort, commitment, and interest in the subject. If you have lukewarm feelings about writing, reading, and memorization of cases and theories - reconsider. Seriously. Failure to meet deadlines (except due to extenuating circumstances) or to complete required assignments will result in significant late penalties or zeroes on significant grades. If I receive work that indicates a lack of full engagement, I will initiate an early student parent-teacher conference to discuss the feasibility of continuing. You'll have to know your Constitutional Amendments, so let's get that out of the way. You can start this assignment soon as you like, but it is due on **Friday, August 26**. (NOTE: I have changed the due date to Tuesday, 8/26 and you will upload the file in Synergy, not Canvas).

First, I want you to watch this [short video on the Amendment process](#); it will help you understand that the Constitution is considered the legal "Bible" of our country and the amendment process is the only way the Constitution can be changed or modified.

Next, click to make a copy of, [27 Amendments to the United States Constitution](#), and complete the worksheet.

You will explore the amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and for each amendment, do the following:

- Read the amendment on the Interactive Constitution.
- Summarize the amendment in your own words.
- List three to five key words or terms associated with this amendment?
- List some factors that led to this amendment being added to the Constitution?

Last - 30 extra points - if you memorize the amendments in order. (You'll have to memorize them anyway, so get it done and out of the way). Does that sound hard? Not at all - [here's a video showing you how to remember them with no problem!](#)

It's a great way to kick-off the course and you will receive extra points for knowing all 27 of them!

So, what's the assignment again? Follow the chart below, and use the 2nd column to change the status and stay organized. Questions? Click to email me - Alexis Dobbins- if you have any questions

Summer Activity	Status	Related files	Notes/Questions
Video - Amendment Process	Not started ▾	 Amending t...	
27 Amendments Worksheet	Not started ▾	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L6ZuchnM6_0H5eZ2J3gFZfojSWyBQ0TG/copy	
Video - Remember the Amendments	Not started ▾	 How to Re...	

