



Summer Assignment 2010/11 AP US Government and Politics

Mrs. Malik

Due: the first class
65 points

Assignment #1: The Constitution (30 points)

Find the US Constitution online and read it. One site to go to is: constitutionus.com or stop by Room 305 to get a copy. Create a summary for yourself about the Preamble, each of the Articles and each of the Amendments. Please, type up your summary! We will use this during the course, so format it in a way that is easy for you to understand and refer back to!

Assignment #2: Am I a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative? What is my political belief? (15 points)

Complete the following two online quizzes to get a basic understanding of your political ideology (belief). These are for fun, but you can get a basic understanding of whether or not you are on the left (liberal, Democrat), the center (both moderate Republicans and Democrats fall into this category), or on the right (conservative, Republican).

<http://typology.people-press.org/typology/>

<http://www.theadvocates.org/quizp/index.html>

After completion, please write a summary paragraph of your results explaining your political ideology. Do you agree or disagree with the results? Did you know where you fall on the political spectrum?

Assignment #3: AP Government notebooks and materials (20 points)

All of the following must be completed to receive credit. Bring both of them to class on the first day.

- Purchase 2 packets of 5 by 8 index cards and bring ONE unopened packet to class! (lined, unlined, does not matter)
- Purchase two 3-ring binders (one for each semester)
- Purchase 2 zippered pouches for each binder (big enough to hold 5x8 index cards)
- Make a cover for each binder that labels each as follows:
"AP US Government and Politics First Semester"
"AP US Government and Politics Second Semester"
Be sure your name is also on the front cover of each binder! You can add pictures, clipart, etc.
- Purchase tabbed dividers for each binder and neatly label them as follows:

First Semester binder:

1. Class information
2. Current Events
3. (bigger tab) **Unit I: Constitutional Underpinnings**
4. Constitution
5. Federalism
6. (bigger tab) **Unit II: Political Beliefs and Behaviors**
7. Public Opinion and Political action
8. (bigger tab) **UNIT III: Intermediary Institutions**
9. Mass media
10. Political parties

11. Nominations and campaigns

12. Elections and voting

13. Interest groups

- Extra notebook paper for the occasional notes we will write in class

Second Semester binder:

14. Current Events

15. (bigger tab) **UNIT IV: Formal Institutions**

16. Congress

17. Presidency

18. Bureaucracy

19. Judiciary

20. Unit Test Review

21. (bigger tab) **UNIT VI: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties** *(Yes, last 2 units are out of order!)*

22. Civil Liberties

23. Civil Rights

24. (bigger tab) **UNIT V: Public Policy**

25. Budget

26. Social Welfare Policy

27. Health care and environment

28. National security

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Enjoy your summer break and I am looking forward to discussing American government and debating politics with you!

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