

AP Government and Politics Summer Assignment

PART 1: Read the first chapter of the AP Govt. book and answer the short essay questions below. Each answer needs to be 5-7 sentences and include any applicable key terms that would help to answer these questions.

Be prepared to discuss these questions and your news articles on the first day of class.

- 1) Describe the basic functions of government.

- 2) Define 'politics' and identify three key ideas that help explain politics.

- 3) Identify major sources of conflict in American politics.

PART 2: List and summarize (do not write verbatim) the 27 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Each summary should include all the clauses and portions of each amendment.