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: After answering the short essays, find 2 current events that correspond to a topic covered in the first chapter. Include the news source, date of article, a paragraph summary, and a few sentences that explain how it relates to content in chapter 1.