

AP GOVERNMENT SUMMER ASSIGNMENT & CLASS PREVIEW

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For the summer assignment, you will do both a Government & Economics assignment. Check out an Economics book & a blue AP Gov't textbook from the bookroom. Do NOT save this until the last week of the summer.

- The assignments are **due on the first day of school**. Failure to turn in the assignment, with 100% completion, will result in a ZERO grade. Saying "I misread the directions, so it's not complete" will still give you a **ZERO** grade.
- Turning it in late (after the first day), will result in a significant reduction in grading your assignment.
- In either situation, you will **either** be **dropped** from AP Government OR fail the 1st qtr & possibly the 1st Semester.

Government Assignment:

Using index cards (your preference of 3"x5" or 4"x6") you will create a set of Amendments, one for each. Number each card 1 through 27, and on the other side of each card, write a brief, memorable summary of that amendment, along with year it was enacted, and one illustration to help you remember it.



Economics Assignment

This assignment must be completed in a 70 to 100 page wire-bound notebook OR composition book (choice of college/wide-ruled). Complete the work for Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6; answering every "Key Terms and Main Ideas" question found at the end of each section. Write your name on the first page of the notebook, and leave the next two pages blank. Starting with Chapter 1, define all of the key terms on the **left-side** of your notebook, and on the **right-side** of your notebook, write out all of the questions, followed by your answers. So if you open your notebook completely up, & lay it flat on your desk, key terms should be seen on the left side, & Q&A should be on the right side. Each chapter should take up a few pages of your notebook, front and back. Label the Chapter in the top margin of each page. There is no need to skip pages in between chapters. This Economics assignment must be done **IN YOUR OWN WRITING**. Typed questions & answers, and/or key terms will not be accepted.

First Week Testing

Be prepared for an Economics Unit test on Chapters 1-3 on the first day of school. A second test on Chapters 4-6 will be on the second day of school. Failing one or both of these tests could have a severe impact on your 1st Quarter grade. This is part of your summer work, don't put it off until the night before the test.

Class Preview

For those of you who have taken an AP class before, you know the rigor. For first-time AP's, this class is rigorous. Due to the nature of Senior Gov't/Econ, you will not be able to switch out of this class after the first two days. Most importantly: please do not take this class unless you are going to take the AP test in May!!

- Every **test** is 50% multiple choice, 50% Free Response (essay answer).
- Tests constitute the majority of each semester's grade.
- There is a **quiz** after every teacher-presentation in class.
- If absent, unit tests & vocab tests must be **made up** the day you return to class, no exceptions.
 - All makeup tests/quizzes will be **fill-in tests** instead of multiple choice, even with excused absences.
- **Economics** is done at a rate of two-chapters per week. Twice the rate of a CP Econ class.
- Government requires **30-40** pages of reading per week.
- Expect an average of 30-45 minutes of homework per night.

Materials Needed

- 70-page Spiral Bound Notebook: This will be only for Econ, and you can do your summer assignment in it.
- 5-Subject Spiral Bound Notebook w/Pockets inside: Mead 5-star recommended. This will be for Government.
- Index Cards: You will need a total of 450-500 cards, so 4-5 packs. 3"x 5" or 4"x6" (your choice)
- Box to Store all Index cards; or Ziploc bags, or Rubber Bands (this will be turned in for credit in December)
- Glue Stick
- 6" Ruler
- Colored Pencils: Small pack (12-24 pencils)