

AP Government & Politics 2017-2018
Summer Assignment – Mr. Dunbar
Due: Friday, September 8th, 2017

The AP Government & Politics summer assignment consists of **two parts**:

Part 1 – Constitution Review

- Students should complete the Constitution Scavenger Hunt using the United States Constitution to answer questions
- Answers will be collected & students will have a Constitution Quiz on Friday, September 8th.
- Quiz will cover approximately 30 random questions from the Scavenger Hunt – quiz will be closed notes

Part 2 – Government Current Events

- Students will maintain a weekly journal of current national political and government events beginning on June 26th and ending on August 6th
 - June 26th – July 2nd
 - July 3rd -9th
 - July 10th -16th
 - July 17th- 23rd
 - July 24th – 30th
 - July 31st – August 6th
- For each week, students will complete 2 journal entries. Six weeks – 2 entries each week – total of 12 entries. Each entry must be based on news from that day. Entries must be typed & in your own words. Copying & pasting articles will result in a zero for the assignment. Organize entries by date in a folder or 3 ring binder
- Each entry should include:
 - Date
 - Headline
 - One paragraph summary (at least 5 sentences long) – do not copy the story & highlight
 - Citation of the story – simply tell me the website, newspaper etc.
 - Identify which part of the AP Gov curriculum (attached) that the story relates to (use your best judgment)
- Acceptable sources:
 - National Newspapers – can use internet to find them – ex. Washingtonpost.com
 - Websites of major news outlets – ex. CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, Yahoo etc.
- Tips
 - Do not put off assignment until the end of summer – it will be noticeable & could negatively affect your 1st quarter grade
 - Do not use blogs, personal websites or other non-mainstream media
 - You can email questions to me at dunbarr@calvertnet.k12.md.us
 - Reminder – Journal entries & Constitution Review will be collected on Friday, September 8th – the day of your Constitution Quiz