

## **AP Government & Politics Summer Assignment**

We are excited that you chose to sign up for this class because it is a class that is designed to facilitate your academic growth and prepare you for college. The success of the year is up to you and the effort that you give. The goal of this class is not to read, look up, memorize, and regurgitate information. Instead, **you are asked to develop your academic voice by reading and studying in such a way that you are prepared to formulate your own thoughts, questions and opinions about the themes and events in US Government, both historically and currently.**

In preparation for Government, semester two, students are expected to read the Constitution, the 27 amendments and Federalist Paper #10, writing a three-page paper on two of the following three themes:

- The foundations of federalism.
- The protections against factionalism.
- The difficulties of devolution.

Yes, you'll probably need to do some research on the underlined terms. Make sure your essay references each of the above primary sources in your response. It is also expected that, in addition to showing up in January with this essay in hand, AP Gov students will come to class having surveyed and studied:

1. The American Government textbook
2. Any AP Gov Test Prep book, available from major book retailers
3. The Constitution and Declaration of Independence
4. The Federalist Papers
5. The party platforms of both the Republicans and Democrats, printed and bound
6. The most recently released budget from the OMB, printed and bound