

# Summer Assignment:

A.P. United States Government (HI00851) / Intro to American Government (HI00852)

Students are required to read Howard Fineman's, *The Thirteen American Arguments: Enduring Debates That Define and Inspire Our Country.*

Students are then required to write a 3-5 page reflection on three of the topics/chapters highlighted in the book. The students will submit the assignments to their instructor during the first week of class.

1. Choose three topics/chapters which you think are most relevant today.
  - A. Summarize the chapter highlighting the main points and important information.
  - B. Identify the argument described in the chapter
  - C. Identify who the main characters are
  - D. Identify the fundamental issues (each side of the argument)
  - E. And explain why the subject of this chapter is an essential element of American life which has both defined and inspired our country?
  
2. Reflect and discuss how this information has impacted your understanding of the United States. What have you learned that you didn't know before? What new questions have been raised in your mind?