

The Advanced Placement US Government and Politics course has seven major concepts that help lay the foundation for our understanding of how the US government operates. To help us better understand these concepts there are nine required documents.

This summer you are required to examine two of these seven concepts in more depth. You may pick any two concepts of your choice to examine, keeping in mind that throughout our year together we will examine all seven of the concepts. There is also the option of doing a third concept paper. You will need to read and analyze the documents associated with the concept. Additionally, you will identify four current event articles (from the past year) that relate to the concept. Using your analysis of the concept's documents and the current event articles you identified, you will write a 2-3 page (double spaced) response explaining your understanding of the concept in the current political atmosphere.

The rubric of how these papers will be assessed is posted on the Google Classroom.

How to turn in your work:

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Mr. Drexel

Join the AP Gov Summer Work Google Classroom - Code: **oefkku**

Please turn in your two responses as two separate documents on Classroom. Include a bibliography for each response that includes the four articles you have identified. You may use Noodletools to make this easier for yourself.

Both of your responses with bibliographies are due by 11:30 pm on August 29, 2021.

Please email Ms. MacIntosh or Mr. Drexel over the summer with any questions.

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Concept 1	Documents
<i>The Constitution emerged from the debate about the weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation as a blueprint for limited government.</i>	Articles of Confederation US Constitution and Amendments

Concept 2	Documents
<i>Federalism reflects the dynamic distribution of power between national and state governments.</i>	US Constitution and Amendments

Concept 3	Documents
<i>The presidency has been enhanced beyond its expressed constitutional powers.</i>	Federalist #70

Concept 4	Documents
<i>The Constitution created a competitive policymaking process to ensure the people's will is accurately represented and that freedom is preserved.</i>	US Constitution and Amendments Federalist #51

Concept 5	Documents
<i>The design of the judicial branch protects the Supreme Court's independence as a branch of government, and the emergence and use of judicial review remains a powerful judicial practice.</i>	Federalist #78

<i>Concept 6</i>	<i>Documents</i>
<i>A balance between governmental power and individual rights has been a hallmark of American political development.</i>	Federalist #10 Brutus I Declaration of Independence

<i>Concept 7</i>	<i>Documents</i>
<i>The Fourteenth Amendment's equal protection clause as well as other constitutional provisions have often been used to support the advancement of equality.</i>	Letter from Birmingham City Jail