

**AP Comparative Government Summer Assignment
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**WPHS
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Happy Summer! Looking forward to meeting all of you in September. You will find two parts to our summer assignment. The completed assignment will be due on the first day of class **September 5, 2023**, and will be counted as an assessment. For the summer assignment there will be no late submissions allowed. Let's get to work!

Part I: AP Briefing Paper (Democratization Paper)

Read the AP Briefing Paper on Democratization and complete the following prompts:

1. List the characteristics of substantive and procedural democracies.
2. Explain why a procedural democracy is not necessarily a substantive democracy.
3. Identify the "three waves of democratization."
4. Who initiates democratization when it is from above? How does this differ when the democratization comes from below?
5. What is meant by democratic consolidation from transitional democracy?
6. What is missing in an "illiberal" democracy?

After you complete the following prompts, list and define the ***Critical Terms for Understanding Democratization.***

Part II: Current Events for Course Countries

News Articles:

- During the summer collect TWO news articles per country. (Mexico, United Kingdom, Russia, China, Nigeria, and Iran)
- The articles should span the duration of the summer, and not only reflect 2-3 weeks prior to the start of school.
- The articles should provide you with information about the political, economic, and/or foreign policy issues confronting each nation. Articles may come from newspapers, periodicals, magazines, and/or the Internet.
- TWO articles per nation are the minimum number of articles required.
- ***Handwrite on lined paper a summary for each news article that includes:***
 - ***Brief summary.***
 - ***How the primary issue (political, economic or foreign policy) impacts the government and a specific group in society.***