

## AP US Government and Politics Summer Assignment

**Due Monday September 9, 2024**

### Assignment:

- **5 Current Events** (50 points total)
- Students will locate, summarize, analyze, and evaluate **FIVE** articles about a variety of topics which relate to United States Government and Politics.
- **Topics can include:** The 2024 Presidential Election; 2024 state and local elections; The invasion of Ukraine and the U.S. response to it; Protests on any issue (*what impact are the protests having and how is federal, state and/or local government responding?*); The U.S. economy (*what actions are government taking or not-taking to grow the economy and combat inflation*); the Trials of former President Trump, Hunter Biden or of a politician (ex. *Senator Menendez*); recent Supreme Court rulings and responses to them; any legislation being worked on and discussed by Congress or a State legislature (some issues might be *Gun Control, Reproductive Rights, Parental Rights in Education or economic legislation*); any US foreign policy issue; or *any other issue that you can connect to U.S. Government and/or Politics.*
- Please submit this assignment on Schoology when it opens by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school (**YOU MUST INCLUDE THE LINK TO THE EACH ARTICLE**).
- These are extremely easy points if you follow directions, as there are no right or wrong answers. You should follow the guidelines provided.

### Guidelines:

1. **Each** Current Event should be no more than 1 typed single-spaced page using 12 font including the title, date, and publication of the article at the top of the page and should include:
  - a. **Summary:** (suggested length – one quarter to one third of page) Summarize the main points (who, what, where, when, why, how) of the article.
  - b. **Analysis/Evaluation:** (suggested length – one third to one half of page) This is where you need to connect it to government; specifically, how the event affects the rights or lives of citizens. Why is this event important to know about? What part of the government is impacted? How is the government responding? If possible, please give examples to support your response.
  - c. **Opinion:** (suggested length- a quarter to one third of page) What is your opinion of the article and/or event? How does the event affect you? Your opinion should be based on prior knowledge, and what you have read.
  - d. **LINK:** A link to the article.

Here are examples of appropriate news sources for this assignment:

i. <a href="#">Allsides</a> *	viii. <a href="#">Fox News</a>
ii. <a href="#">The Wall Street Journal</a>	ix. <a href="#">CNN</a>
iii. <a href="#">The New York Times</a>	x. <a href="#">ABC News</a>
iv. <a href="#">USA Today</a>	xi. <a href="#">The Week Magazine</a>
v. <a href="#">The Washington Post</a>	xii. <a href="#">Bloomberg News</a>
vi. <a href="#">NBC News</a>	xiii. <a href="#">Reuters</a>
vii. <a href="#">NPR</a>	xiv. <a href="#">BBC</a>

\* **Allsides** has articles from many other publications which it identifies according to its political bias/view

2. **Suggested Timeline:** *While you can pick the current events from anytime between June 10, 2024, and September 8, 2024. I suggest doing one current event a week for five (5) straight weeks beginning the week of July 28th (July 28th-August 3rd) and finishing the week of August 25th (August 25th- August 31st) -- the week before school begins.*

3. Your current events are due on **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2024.**

**Current Event Rubric:**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>3 (Exceeds Expectations)</b>	<b>2 (Minimum Expectations)</b>	<b>1 (Needs Improvement)</b>
Summary 3 points	Summary of article is clear, complete, and accurate. All of the main points are addressed.	Summary of article is clear, complete, and accurate.	Summary of the article is unclear, incomplete, or inaccurate
Analysis/Evaluation 3 points	Analysis of how the event affects rights or lives of citizens is clear and complete. Evaluation of importance of the event is clear and complete. Multiple valid examples are applied and extended to support the response.	Analysis of how the event affects rights or lives of citizens is clear and complete. Evaluation of importance of the event is clear and complete. Valid examples are used to support the response.	Analysis of how the event affects right or lives of citizens lacks clarity. Evaluation of the importance of the event lacks clarity. Lacks examples.
Opinion 2 points		Opinion of the current event is clear and complete. Student explains their opinion of the event and how the event affects them using prior knowledge, information from article, government vocabulary, and knowledge of principles of democracy.	Opinion of the current event is incomplete.
Organization/ Length 2 points		It meets the requirements of length and is organized according to the guidelines above.	It meets none of the requirements.