

## **AP Government Summer Assignment**

### **General Elections**

Every 4 years, the General Election of the President of the United States happens to either retain the same leader or to transition power to a new faction. This year, we will be watching them closely, and they will become a part of a class report you will do. In the 2024 election, there are 3 viable candidates each with different platforms and strongholds within the country. Throughout the year and in the run-up to the election, we will want to watch how the elections and campaigns play out. Therefore, you must prepare the following over the summer:

1. Research and find credible sources that discuss the candidates that are involved in running for President. Build an MLA formatted Works Cited page of the sources you used to summarize information.
2. The information you should report on is: background, previous work experience, years in politics, major accomplishments, other elected positions they held/currently hold.
3. Outside of the candidate's personal biographies, find credible information about the strongholds of each candidate. What organizations and groups support the candidates? Are there sections of the country that are clear strongholds for the candidates? What demographic groups generally support each candidate? You can use graphics and maps to support your findings.
4. Once you have a brief understanding of the support for the candidates, do research on potential swing states in the General Election. Which states are going to be the hottest races to watch on Election Day? What factors make that state a swing state?
5. The typed report with the above information should be 1-3 pages in length.
6. On the second day of class be prepared to talk through the candidates - be ready to draw conclusions and predictions about the upcoming General Election.