

AP Government and Politics Summer Work- 24-25

You will have two assignments this summer, both of which are detailed below. In order to complete the summer work, you will need to join my Google Classroom.. The first assignment is due **Wednesday, August 21st**, and the second one will be due on **the first day of class**.

Google Classroom Code: 3xck4pq

Another important note: Please email me at edward.gould@pembrokek12.org if you have any questions at all!

Assignment #1: Eight NPR Politics Podcasts Summaries

Directions: As a member of this class, it is important that you start building the habit of keeping up with local, state, and national politics. The NPR Politics Podcast is a great way to keep up on all the major national news. You will write a 1-page summaries of eight different episodes. You need 4 episodes from July and 4 from August (8 total). You will compile this into a single document and submit it by **Wednesday, August 21st at 11:59pm** . You should take notes as you listen, so bullet points are acceptable. This is not something that you can save for the last minute, so you should be working on it throughout the summer.

Link to the podcasts:

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510310/npr-politics-podcast>

Note: You can also subscribe to this on the podcast app on your phone, which I would recommend.

Questions to consider for your episode summaries:

What bills are Congress working on/debating?

What message is President Biden trying to send to the American people?

How is the economy doing, and what is the government doing to help it?

What is going on in other countries (Ukraine, Palestine, China) and how are American leaders responding?

What major decisions have our federal courts been making?

Who are some rising stars in the Democratic and Republican parties?

What is going on with the Trump trials?

What are Democrats and Republicans fighting about?

What should we expect to happen in the 2024 elections?

Have there been any protests?

What should we expect from the national party conventions?

Assignment #2: Handwritten notes on Chapter 1

Read this [Chapter 1 PDF](#) and take notes. You need to write a set of handwritten notes and bring them to class on the first day of school. This will give you a basic summary of how our government works.