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AP GOVERNMENT & POLITICS SUMMER WORK (2026)

About AP U.S. Government & Politics Course

AP U.S. Government and Politics provides a college-level, nonpartisan introduction to key political concepts, ideas, institutions, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the constitutional system and political culture of the United States. Students will study U.S. foundational documents, Supreme Court decisions, and other texts and visuals to gain an understanding of the relationships and interactions among political institutions, processes, and behaviors. They will also engage in disciplinary practices that require them to read and interpret data, make comparisons and applications, and develop evidence-based arguments. In addition, they will complete a political science research or applied civics project.

Source*: AP U.S. Government and Politics Course Framework*

AP Government: *Institutions and Policies (16th Edition)* Wilson, DiIulio, Bose, Levendusky

ISBN: 978-1-337-61350-7

Required Textbook: This is the newest, updated edition. The summer assignment does not require use of the textbook.

*Books can be purchased at Bulloch Academy for **$165**.

Refer to the U.S. Constitution to complete Assignment 1 on the following page.

-7 Articles of the US Constitution
https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution-transcript

-27 Amendments

https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/amendments

- **Assignment 1, 2, 3, and 4 must be fully completed, hand written, and submitted on the first day of school August 7th, 2026.**
- **If a student fails to submit their summer assignment on this date, I will allow one more opportunity to submit the assignment for an automatic 50% deduction. However, I will NOT accept any submission of the assignment after this one day extension. If you fail to submit your work by this date, you will receive a 0% for the assignment.**

You will have a summer assignment quiz over the Amendments of the Constitution when we return from summer vacation.

ASSIGNMENT 1: PIECING TOGETHER THE CONSTITUTION

NAME:_____

Directions: Use the Constitution center to complete the following work.



Article I

1. How often are Representatives to be elected

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2. How old must a Representative be to be elected? _____

3. How long is the term for a senator? _____

4. How were senators originally chosen? Which amendment changed that?

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5. How old does someone have to be to be a senator?

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6. Who is the president of the Senate and when may that person vote?

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7. Which legislative body as the power of impeachment and which body has the power to try an impeached official?

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8. Who shall officiate when a president is tried for impeachment?

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9. What is the required vote that is necessary to convict someone who has been impeached?

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10. What is the only penalty that can be imposed on someone who has been impeached?

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11. Who decides the times, places, and manner for holding elections for Congress?

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12. In what federal body do all bills concerning taxes originate?

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13. What fraction of both houses must vote to override a veto?

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14. What happens when a president doesn't return a bill in 10 days and what is the exception to that rule?

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15. In Section 8, the Constitution lists or enumerates the powers of Congress. List SIX of them.

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

16. In Section 8, which clause gives Congress the most general, non-specific powers?

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17. Name THREE limits on the powers of the states.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Article II

18. How old does someone have to be to be elected president?

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19. How is it determined how many electors each state has?

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20. Name THREE powers of the President.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

21. Which body of Congress approves nominations?

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22. What can a president or other officers be impeached for?

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Article III

23. What is the term of office for Supreme Court justices? When may they be removed?

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24. Who gets to decide how many federal courts we have?

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25. In which cases does the Supreme Court have original jurisdiction?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3._____

4. _____ 5. _____ 6._____

7. _____ 8. _____

Article IV

26. What is the topic of Article IV?

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27. What limitation is put on admitting new states to the Union?

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Article V

28. What fraction of the houses of Congress is necessary to approve a proposed amendment?

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Article VI

29. What does the Constitution say about which law shall predominate if there is any conflict between laws?

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30. What qualification for holding any public office is forbidden?

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Article VII

31. How many states had to ratify the Constitution?

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Amendments

32. Which amendment extended the vote to 18 year olds? _____

33. Which amendment outlaws "cruel and unusual punishments?" _____

34. Which amendment ended slavery? _____

35. Name the FIVE basic civil liberties guaranteed in the First Amendment.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3._____

4. _____ 5. _____

36. Put the Ninth Amendment in your own words. _____

37. Put the Tenth Amendment in your own words. _____

38. Which amendment prevents a citizen of North Carolina suing the state of Pennsylvania? _____

39. Which amendment said that states couldn't prevent people from voting based on their race? _____

40. Which amendment said that a person couldn't be tried twice for the same crime? _____

41. When can the government take private property and what must the government give the owners? Which amendment establishes this? _____

42. Which amendment defined citizenship? _____

43. List the FIVE rights that the accused has when suspected of a crime.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3._____

4. _____ 5. _____

44. Which amendment prohibited alcohol? Which Amendment repealed the prohibition on alcohol?_____

45. Which amendment gave women the right to vote and in what year was it passed? _____

46. Which amendment decided that a person could be president for only two terms? _____

47. On what day does the Constitution state that a new president shall be inaugurated? Which amendment establishes this? When must the new Congress meet? _____

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48. Which amendment gave government the power to impose an income tax? _____

49. Which amendment establishes what to do if the president is incapacitated and can't perform his duties? _____

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50. What amendment gives people the right to bear arms? _____

ASSIGNMENT 2: WRITING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE—GEN Z STYLE

Directions: At its very essence, the Declaration of Independence is a break-up letter between the 13 colonies and Great Britain. In this assignment you are tasked to **hand write the Declaration of Independence in Generation Z lingo and vernacular. Show creativity!** 🙂

Of course, this must be school appropriate. Linked is the transcript of the D.O.I. Show creativity.

ASSIGNMENT 3: BREAKING DOWN OUR LEGISLATURE, SUPREME COURT, & EXECUTIVE

Directions: Complete the information using House.gov. & Senate.gov . Remember: handwrite your work.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	NAME	POLITICAL PARTY/STATE
Speaker of the House		
Majority Leader		
Majority Whip		
Minority Leader		
Minority Whip		
Your representative for your district HINT: District 12.		

SENATE	NAME	Political Party/State
President of the Senate		
President Pro Tempore		
Senate Majority Leader		
Majority Whip		
Senate Minority Leader		
Minority Whip		
Senator for Georgia		|GA.
Senator for Georgia		| GA.

SUPREME COURT: Weblink about SCOTUS

NAME THE 9 SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

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Accessing the following link, https://www.supremecourt.gov/ list a few cases the Supreme Court will be discussing

Case_____

Date of oral arguments:_____

Case_____

Date of oral arguments:_____

Case_____

Date of oral arguments:_____

US CABINET: The cabinet members are nominated and approved advisors to the president. Access the following link to complete the following https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/the-cabinet/

- Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency_____
- Administrator of the Small Business Administration_____
- Attorney General_____
- Director of the Central Intelligence Agency_____
- Director of National Intelligence_____
- Director of the Office of Management and Budget_____
- Secretary of Agriculture_____
- Secretary of the Interior_____
- Secretary of State_____
- Secretary of Transportation_____
- Secretary of Commerce_____
- Secretary of Defense_____
- Secretary of Education_____
- Secretary of Energy_____
- Secretary of Health and Human Services_____
- Secretary of Homeland Security_____
- secretary of Housing and Urban Development_____
- Secretary of Labor_____
- Secretary of Veterans Affairs_____
- Secretary of the Treasury_____
- United States Trade Representative_____

ASSIGNMENT 4: LOCAL LEADERSHIP DEEP-DIVE

Use this link to complete the assignment: https://www.statesboroga.gov/mayor-council/city-council

MAYOR NAME:_____ ELECTED:_____ CONTACT EMAIL:_____	**COUNCIL MEMBER 1ST DISTRICT** NAME:_____ ELECTED:_____ CONTACT EMAIL:_____
COUNCIL MEMBER 2ND DISTRICT NAME:_____ ELECTED:_____ CONTACT EMAIL:_____	**COUNCIL MEMBER 3RD DISTRICT** NAME:_____ ELECTED:_____ CONTACT EMAIL:_____
COUNCIL MEMBER 4TH DISTRICT NAME:_____ ELECTED:_____ CONTACT EMAIL:_____	**COUNCIL MEMBER/ MAYOR PRO TEM** NAME:_____ ELECTED:_____ CONTACT EMAIL:_____

City Hall Address:_____
City Hall Contact:_____

Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity is at the heart of a sound academic policy. The integrity of a school course and program depend on the honest completion of student work. Cheating and/or plagiarism violate the most basic understanding between a student and a teacher—that a student's work is their own.

- Cheating occurs when a student:
  - copies someone else's work and/or violates copyright.
  - allows someone else to copy his/her work.
  - allows someone to complete his/her work.
- If a student is caught cheating, they will:
  - fail the assignment without the opportunity to resubmit the assignment.
  - be referred for disciplinary action.

-11% IF NO SIGNATURE IS PROVIDED

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE OF ACADEMIC HONESTY

By signing this summer assignment, I formally declare that I have completed the assignment with integrity and abided by the parameters outlined within the Bulloch Academy Student Handbook regarding academic honesty and integrity.

STUDENT FIRST & LAST NAME:_____

STUDENT SIGNATURE:_____