Summer Assignment
Summer 2026
AP United States Government & Politics

Hello Gentleman!!!!!The summer assignment for all students entering AP United States Government & Politics in the upcoming 2026-2027 school year is below. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Rudy Mauritz at rmauritz@fairfieldprep.org . We hope you have a great summer and come back ready to go in the Fall.

Assignment

1. Read Howard Fineman's, *The Thirteen American Arguments: Enduring Debates That Define and Inspire Our Country.*

2. Create a study guide for three of the chapters. The three study guides will include the following:

   A. Create a minimum of THREE questions you had while reading the chapter.
   B. Identify and define at least FIVE words (not key terms) which you were not familiar with prior to reading the chapter.
   C. Identify and Define at least five terms/concepts which you believe are essential to understanding the chapter.
   D. Create a thirty-five to seventy word summary of the chapter which touches on the main ideas and key points of the chapter.

3. The students will also be required to write a reflection on three of the topics/chapters highlighted in the book. The essay will be written in class during the first week of class.