

AP US Government & Politics
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Summer Assignment 2026

Welcome to Advanced Placement US Government & Politics, a dynamic political science course. In preparation for our course of study, you are required to maintain a news portfolio throughout the summer. **The portfolio assignment is due on the first day of class in September.**

AP US Government & Politics is a contemporary course. As such, it is essential for you to be informed of current issues and events during the summer, as you prepare to enter the course in the fall. The assignment requires each student to maintain a news portfolio.

The portfolio must include **10 articles, 5 political cartoons and 5 graphs/charts, each with an analytical summary.** Include a link to the article with your summary. All content should be relevant to US domestic, and/or foreign policy. There are midterm elections upcoming in November along with gubernatorial races you may want to include in your portfolio. Use reliable print sources for the articles (*Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Economist, Newsweek, US News & World Report, The Christian Science Monitor, etc.*). Provide a link to each of the articles, cartoons and graphs/charts in your portfolio.

Each article, cartoon, and graph must include a summary that identifies and describes the substance of the document *along with an* explanation of the importance of the issue in American politics. Organize your portfolio in chronological order. Be sure to include articles that represent the entire time- period (June-August) with different points of view and perspectives.

The portfolio should be organized in a folder, with your name clearly labeled. Do not use page projectors.

To include a variety of topics, reference the list below:

National Government	Treasury Department	Environment
Congress	Federal Reserve	Executive Branch
US Supreme Court	Economy	Veterans Affairs
State Courts	Immigration	State Legislation
Justice Department	Healthcare	Voting Bills
Defense Department	Trade/Tariffs	Globalization
Regulatory Agencies	Unemployment	Elections/Campaigns
Civil Rights	Lobbying	Gun Safety
Primaries	Inflation	Redistricting

The portfolio will count as a test grade for the first quarter. (continue) >>>>>>>

If you should have any questions during the summer, please contact me via email at scomblo@briarcliffschools.org. Have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to your participation in the class!

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