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AP US Government & Politics
2026 Summer Work

What is the purpose of government?

Over the course of the year we will continue to ask ourselves the question of what is the purpose of government in the United States? We will also work on evaluating to what extent the current US Government is achieving its purpose.

Legislative Branch	Executive Branch	Judicial Branch
Explore: listen to the following podcast, either take handwritten notes on the podcast or create a one page visual representation (hand-drawn) of what you learned from the podcast. Civics 101 - Legislative Branch	Explore: listen to the following podcast, either take handwritten notes on the podcast or create a one page visual representation (hand-drawn) of what you learned from the podcast. Civics 101 - Executive Branch	Explore: listen to the following podcast, either take handwritten notes on the podcast or create a one page visual representation (hand-drawn) of what you learned from the podcast. Civics 101 - Judicial Branch
Connect: Identify TWO news articles from June-August, 2026 that document actions taken by the branch of government. Each article should document a different action of the legislative branch (hint - it could be the) House or the Senate.	Connect: Identify TWO news articles from June-August, 2026 that document actions taken by the branch of government. Each article should document a different action of the executive branch (hint - it could be actions of the president or members of the executive agencies).	Connect: Identify TWO news articles from June-August, 2026 that document actions taken by the branch of government. Each article should document a different action of the judicial branch (hint - Supreme Court decisions come out in June, but all of the federal courts will rule on government actions year round).
Analyze: In a one paragraph response, explain what you think the purpose of the executive branch is, use at least two examples from current events to support your conclusions.	Analyze: In a one paragraph response, explain what you think the purpose of the legislative branch is, use at least two examples from current events to support your conclusions.	Analyze: In a one paragraph response, explain what you think the purpose of the judicial branch is, use at least two examples from current events to support your conclusions.

All work will be submitted into your Google Classroom, starting on Tuesday, August 25th. All work must be submitted by Tuesday, September 1st (prior to the start of your class period). You will receive an invitation from your teacher to your class's Google Classroom by August 25th.

All questions should be directed either to Mr. Drexel (jdrexel@fairfieldschools.net) or Ms. MacIntosh (amacintosh@fairfieldschools.net).

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