

AP Government and Politics Summer Work- 26-27

You will have one assignment this summer, which is detailed below. In order to complete the summer work, you will need to join my Google Classroom.. The assignment is due **Wednesday, August 19th**.

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

Assignment: Ten 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 take bullet point notes on each episode.. You need 5 episodes from July and 5 from August (10 total). You will compile this into a single document and submit it by **Wednesday, August 19th at 11:59pm** . You should take notes as you listen- these notes can be about what the reporters are talking about but you can also add your own opinions/analysis. This is not something that you can save for the last minute, so you should be working on it throughout the summer. I am able to see how much time you spent on this assignment, and I know that each episode is about 15-20 minutes long.

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 Trump 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, Iran, Venezuela, China) and how are American leaders responding?

What major decisions have our federal courts been making?

Have any states passed interesting new laws?

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

What are Democrats and Republicans fighting about?

Have there been any protests?

Are any governors doing anything interesting?

Are there any scandals happening?

Has the Supreme Court made any major decisions?

What is happening regarding November's midterm elections?