

# **AP Government and Politics**

## **Summer Work**

I hope that you are having a great summer of enjoying the outdoors and social distancing. I am excited that you are taking AP Government this coming school year. To keep your mind moving during the summer, the following assignment is due by the end of the first week of school. It will count as a test grade and it's an easy way to start the school year off right.

You need to keep a journal of major political news, foreign and domestic policy decisions and any major news events that take place during the summer from July 1st to August 31st. The journal entries should be done twice a week and each entry needs to be a paragraph long. I'm looking for a summary as well as analysis and reflection. Coronavirus updates and the federal and state response; Police brutality, racism, peaceful protests, and riots in the aftermath of George Floyd; Trump always gives us something to talk about; The race for the Presidency-Republican and Democratic Conventions, fake-news, scandals/Investigations, Phil Murphy, polls, legislation and any other major events are fair game. Each entry should be dated and the journal should be a running document.

The 24/7 news cycle doesn't stop during the summer and neither should you. So don't wait for the end of the summer to do this assignment. You can attach the document to the Google Classroom after I give you the class code during the first week of school.

Have a Great Summer!