

SUMMER SUGGESTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR AP GOVERNMENT

If you intend to take AP Government next school year, during the summer you should read articles pertaining to the Government in the magazines, book and newspapers that are mentioned in the syllabus. This will help you prepare for opening discussions and debates on current government policies and issues.

SUGGESTED READINGS – Students can read any book selection they feel will give them a better understanding of the history and activities of the Government. Some that are always recommended are:

Gideon's Trumpet – Anthony Lewis

The Founding Brothers- Joseph Ellis

Original Intentions on the Making of the United States Constitution - M. E. Bradford

REQUIRED SUMMER READING – What Would The Founders Do? Richard Brookhiser

It is in all bookstores at a cost of \$14.95. Walden Books in Northwest Mall is ordering 25 copies. You can also check it out at Waltrip's library and the community library but if you do, read it as quickly as you can and return it so others will have access to it. If you use library book, be sure to take notes as you read so you will have something to refresh your memory when school starts. Be prepared for some type of exercise over the contents of the book when you start class. I also suggest you write down any questions about anything you read that you do not understand or that you wish the class to discuss. Also, (and this is very important) keep a list of words that you run into while reading that are not in your vocabulary. Look up the words in a dictionary and bring the list with the definitions to class on the first day. In the past students have virtually ignored this requirement and it has hurt their original grade. It will count even more this coming year.

All other information you need to know about the course is in the syllabus. Read it carefully so you will understand what the course will require of you.

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