

AP Government Summer Assignment 2020-21

Welcome to AP U.S. Government and Politics. In order to better prepare you for the course, you are required to complete the following assignments. Each assignment will be collected upon your return to school in August . If you have any questions over the summer, you can reach either of us at:

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Assignment 1: Review Book

A. You are **REQUIRED** to have a copy of the following review book.

AP US Government and Politics Premium: With 5 Practice Tests (Barron's Test Prep)

Twelfth Edition by Curt Lader M.S. Ed. (Author). ISBN-13: 978-1506258690 ISBN-10: 1506258697

This is easily purchased off Amazon or from other bookstores.

Assignment 2: Book assignment. Purchase the listed book and complete the questions listed

Book Title: **Decision in Philadelphia** by Collier and Collier

Please read Decision in Philadelphia: The Constitutional Convention of 1787. Answer the following questions thoroughly and completely (2 Paragraphs each), and use specific examples from the text to illustrate your main points. Please cite the page number from the text in your answer. Must be typed. Print off to turn in first day of school.

1. Why did George Washington and others feel that "it was all going wrong"? (Collier 3)
2. What were the ten most interesting facts about America in 1787 to you?
3. Why was James Madison so integral to the development of the U.S. Constitution?
4. What made George Washington "unbelievable"? (Collier 40)
5. What were the men like who attended the Constitutional Convention?
6. What were the ideas behind the battles between the representatives of the large states and the representatives of the small states?
7. How did the delegates resolve the differences referred to in question 6?
8. What was the "new alliance" referred to in Chapter 14?
9. What role in working out compromise was played by the western lands as discussed in Chapter 15?
10. How did the founding fathers deal with the continuing question of balancing national and state government power?
11. How did the delegates resolve the issue of executive powers?
12. How did the delegates, especially George Mason attempt to deal with the "rights of man"? What was the result?
13. According to the authors, what are the reasons why the Constitution works?
14. According to the authors, what are the four critical problems of the U.S. Constitution?
15. Taking into account your answers to questions 13 and 14, do you agree with the authors that the U.S. Constitution is a "remarkable document"? Why or Why not?

Assignment 3: Constitution Outline

Complete the notes outline of the Constitution. Handwritten directly onto printouts.

THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Outline Worksheet

Preamble (purpose of the Constitution)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Article I _____

Section 1 Congress

A. Congress made up of:

- 1.
- 2.

Section 2 House of Representatives

A. Term of office _____

B. Qualifications

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

C. Describe how the states would be represented in the House.

D. Describe the term "Impeachment."

Section 3 Senate

A. Number of senators from each state _____

B. Term of office _____ .

C. Qualifications

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

D. Who is the president of the Senate? Who is in charge in his absence?

Section 4 Elections and Meetings

A. When are congressional elections held?

B. Representatives are elected by _____ .

C. How often must Congress meet?

Section 5 Rules and Procedures

A. What is a quorum?

B. Who sets the rules of behavior for both houses of Congress?

Section 6 Privileges and Restrictions

A. Describe the contents of paragraph 1.

B. Describe the contents of paragraph 2.

Section 7 Method of Passing Laws

- A. What are revenue bills? Where must they originate?
- B. Describe briefly how a bill becomes a law.
- C. What is a presidential veto?
- D. What three choices does the president have if he does not approve of a bill?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

Section 8 Delegated Powers to the Congress (describe)

Section 9 Powers denied to the Federal Government (describe)

Section 10 Powers denied to the States (describe)

Article II _____ .

Section 1 President and the Vice President

- A. How long is a term of office?

- B. How is the president elected? Explain the electoral process.

- C. The qualifications for the office of the President are:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

- D. The order of succession to the presidency is:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

- E. What is the oath of office for the presidency? (write it)

Section 2 Powers of the President (list)

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.

Section 3 Duties of the President

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

Article III _____.

Section 1 Federal Courts

A. Judicial powers are placed in the hands of _____

Section 2 Jurisdiction

What kind of cases do the Federal Courts hear?

B. What kind of cases are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts?

C. Every person accused of a Federal crime is guaranteed a _____ trial.

Section 3 Treason

- A. What is Treason?
- B. What is the punishment for treason?

Article IV. Relations among the States Section 1

Full Faith and Credit

- A. This section is referred to as the "full faith and credit" clause. Why?
- B. What records relate to this clause?

Section 2 Privileges of citizens

- A. A state may not _____ against the citizens of other states.
- B. What is "extradition"?

Section 3 New States and Territories. What was the only exception to the procedure described in this section?

Section 4 The U.S. shall guarantee each state a _____ form of Government.

Article V. _____.

Section 1 An amendment must first be _____ by _____

Section 2 2/3 of the state legislatures may request Congress to call a _____

Section 3 To ratify a proposed amendment _____ of the state legislatures or state conventions must approve.

Article VI _____.

Section 1-Public Debts- The U.S. Government assumed all _____.

Section 2- The Constitution is the _____ law of the land.

Article VII _____.

How many states were needed to approve the proposed Constitution before it would take effect?