

**AP UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS  
2017 SUMMER ASSIGNMENT**

Dear Parents and Students,

All students enrolled in AP United States Government and Politics at Trinity Catholic High School for the 2017-2018 school year are required to complete the summer assignment. This assignment will preview the fundamental ideas and principles behind our system of American Government, as well as reviewing some of the key events from our Founding Era that students learned in U.S. History (any level, not just APUSH). It will help give students an idea of how the course will go and help them to have a foundation when we start the course.

The summer assignment consists of five parts and a number of readings that will count as a summative assignment for the class. The summer assignment will be turned in **handwritten** on the **first day of class** in August, **even if you are taking AP GOV in the second semester**. Students who do not turn in the summer assignment on the first day will receive at most a 70% on the assignment. The assignment should be **printed out** and **handwritten**. If students come to me before the summer break, I will supply them with a paper copy of the portion that has to be turned in, but not the readings.

The assignment and all of the readings will be posted to a Google Classroom specifically for the Summer Assignment. The classroom is called “Chitty AP U.S. Government Summer Assignment” and the code is **uf8mqe**. Students must use their **TC email** to sign into the Google Classroom. Everything needed to complete the assignment can be found on the Google Classroom.

If there are any questions before we leave for summer break, I can be reached at [jchitty@tchs.us](mailto:jchitty@tchs.us). Enjoy your summer, I look forward to seeing all of you in the fall.

Have an enjoyable summer,

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p.s. I also suggest you purchase the Barron’s Guide to AP United States Government and Politics. It offers a very useful summary of the course concepts that will help throughout the course and for the AP Test in May. The guide can be found online at Amazon and in-store at Barnes and Noble.