

Hello, and welcome to Deville's Advance Placement Government and Politics Course. I am very much looking forward to teaching you next year in AP Government and Politics. In order for you to achieve your desired outcome in the classroom and on the AP Exam next May, I must ask you to work on the material below over the summer. Work at your own pace. Feel free to explore the material below in as much detail as you wish, but a good rule of study to follow would involve 2 to 3 weeks of study for about 2 to 2½ hours a week (*Ex. Over two weeks, study on six different occasions for 45 minutes each.*) Studying this material in this manner was the recommendation of former students. They attest that early success in this course and summer preparation are directly linked. **You will be tested over this material during your first week back** so please make this a priority over the summer. I assure you that your efforts will pay dividends in the course and on the AP Exam! **A copy of this sheet will be uploaded to Shreve's webpage.*

*Should you have questions, feel free to contact me any time this summer at chsdeville@yahoo.com

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Please review the following sources and develop a working knowledge of each:

- Use the following websites to learn the various parts of the U.S. Constitution and other relevant information. Knowledge of this information is critical to your success in AP Gov. The websites below have interactive information that allows you to personalize your knowledge of each:
 - <https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution>
 - Read/review the following information in the site:
 - About the Constitution
 - **The Constitutional Convention of 1787: A Revolution in Government; and The Declaration, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.**
 - These documents will provide you with a historical background and details about our government.
 - <https://www.heritage.org/constitution/>
 - Your goal should be to understand and memorize the topics included in the **Preamble**, the **7 Articles**, and the **27 Amendments**. Go as deep as you want here, but be sure to at least memorize the topics of each before school starts (*ex. Article I = Establishes the Legislative Branch/Congress. Article II = Establishes the Executive Branch/Presidency, etc.*)
 - The quizzes below will help you assess the breath of your growing knowledge. Please know these quizzes are more comprehensive than I expect you to be; however, if you can master these you will be off to an extraordinary start!
 - <https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-constitution-kids/us-history-quiz/>
- Use the links below to gain a working understanding of what the documents known as “The Federalist Papers” and the people who wrote them. Read and make notations as necessary:
 - <http://constitution.laws.com/federalist-papers>
 - <https://constitution.laws.com/federalist-papers/federalist-party>
 - <https://constitution.laws.com/federalist-papers/anti-federalist>
- Once you have read the information in the links above, read the document **Federalist #1** written by Alexander Hamilton and notate the purposes for writing that he expresses.
 - <https://thefederalistpapers.org/federalist-papers/federalist-paper-1-introduction>

School-Wide Summer Reading:

Additionally, you will need to complete the School-Wide Summer Reading requirements. The school-wide summer reading assignment is not the primary focus of this class, but we will discuss issues related to this assignment during the couple days of school.