

# AP Government Summer Assignment 2017-2018

You have three summer assignments for AP Government that are due first day of class.

Federalist Papers

- o What were the Federalist Papers? Read Federalist Paper #10 and Federalist Paper #51. Both documents can be found at:  
<http://www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers>.
- o Complete the attached reading guide for both Federalist Papers.
- o Your responses to the reading guide should be typed.
  
- **U.S. Constitution Reading Guide**
  - o Read the U.S. Constitution and complete the attached reading guide. The U.S. Constitution can be found at :  
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/constitution.table.html#preamble>
  - o Complete the attached reading guide for the Constitution
  - o Responses to the reading guide should be typed.
  
- **Current events project**
  - o Over the summer, or through the fall, you are going to follow current events and get a head start on understanding how government operates. You need to select three news articles, from three separate weeks, and write a reflection for each article. In your reflection you should include:
    - The impact of this event/decision on the US government.
    - The consequences of this event/decision (good/bad)
    - Why did you choose the article?
  - o Please clearly address each item above in your reflection. Please attach the article to your write up and turn it in with your reflection.

You may print the article from the internet, however you must pay attention to the date of the article, the articles must be from three different weeks. Remember your goal is to better understand how the government operates, so keep that in mind when selecting articles.

- o Focus your study on any of the following areas: foreign policy (U.S. relations with foreign countries) or national/domestic policy (examples would include: Homeland Security, immigration, taxes, healthcare reform, education, judicial nominations, the economy, judicial nomination hearings).
- o Your reflections should be typed.

## **Federalist 10 and 51 Reading Guide**

**Directions:** Read Federalist 10 and 51 and answer the following questions. Write the question on a separate piece of paper - skip a line and write the answer. Use direct quotes to support your response. The questions are in order of their answer within the reading. The documents can be found online at: <http://www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers>

### **Federalist 10**

1. Summarize how Madison feels about “factions”.
2. Define faction.
3. If Madison were alive today, what factions would he see?
4. What are two methods of curing the mischief of factions? Would this be possible today?
5. What are two methods of removing the causes? Would this be possible today?
6. How does Madison feel about the first remedy? Why?
7. How does Madison feel about the second remedy? Why?
8. What does Madison say about the causes of factions? Is this true today?
9. What does Madison say is source of factions? Is this true today?
10. How should these interests be regulated?
11. What will factions do to the good of the whole society?
12. How does Madison say that factions can be controlled?
13. What will happen when the faction is a minority?
14. What will happen if the faction is a majority?
15. What are the two possibilities of solutions?
16. Is there a cure in a pure democracy for the mischief of faction?
17. What promises the cure?
18. How does Republic compare to a democracy? Which is best? Why?
19. Why do extensive republics provide the best safeguard against factions?
20. What is the “happy combination” that will cure the problem?
21. Why will extended republics be able to do better?
22. Why will large republics have an advantage over small ones?
23. How will Federalism stop the growth of tyranny?

## **Federalist 51**

1. What questions does Madison ask?
2. What does separation of power require?
3. What does Madison say about the judiciary?
4. What does Madison say about the members of each department?
5. What is the great security against one department growing too powerful?
6. Why is it necessary for ambition to contradict ambition?
7. Who will dominate a republican government?
8. What is the remedy for this? Would an absolute veto remedy this?
9. What are two considerations for the federal system of America?
10. How does Madison repeat and complete the argument in Federalist 10?

## The U.S. Constitution Reading Guide

Answer the following questions as you read the U.S. Constitution. Write the question on a separate piece of paper - skip a line and write the answer. Remember to use complete sentences that reflect the question in the answer.

1. Summarize the following:

- o Preamble
- o Article I
- o Article II
- o Article III
- o Article IV
- o Article V
- o Article VI
- o Article VII

2. Compare Article I with Article II. Which article is longer and more detailed?

3. Identify two powers denied from Congress in the Constitution.

4. How do the House of Representatives determine the rules of proceedings?

5. Identify two powers the Constitution prohibits from the states.

6. What are the eligibility requirements for members of the house?

7. What are the eligibility requirements for members of the Senate?

8. What are the eligibility requirements for the President?

9. The powers of the Constitution that are specifically granted to the branches of government or to office holders are called expressed powers. Identify two expressed powers of each of the following:

- o The President
- o The Vice President
- o Congress

10. According to the principle of checks and balances, each branch of the government must have control over the other branches. Look at the first three articles of the Constitution and identify one of each type of checks and balances. Indicate where each power is listed in the Constitution (article/section):
  - o How does the Executive check the Legislative?
  - o How does the Executive check the Judicial?
  - o How does the Legislative check the Executive?
  - o How does the Legislative check the Judicial?
  - o How does the Judicial check the Executive?
  - o How does the Judicial check the Legislative?
11. According to the Constitution, who has the power to declare war?
12. What power does the Constitution give the president in the area of war?
13. See Article IV. Explain the Supremacy Clause in your own words.
14. What are two ways that amendments to the Constitution can be proposed?
15. What are two ways that amendments to the Constitution can be ratified?
16. The first 10 amendments to the Constitution are called the Bill of Rights. Outline the general purpose of each of those 10 amendments:
17. Describe briefly the remaining 17 amendments:
18. Which amendment(s) protect the rights of women?
19. Which amendment(s) protect the rights of African Americans?
20. How were U.S. Senators chosen before the seventeenth amendment?
21. Outline the process for installing the Vice President as acting President against the will of the president as described in the twenty-fifth amendment.