

AP US Government and Politics
Suggested Summer Reading Assignment

Text for the course: Government in America, 17th edition, by George C. Edwards (supplied by Carver)

You need to **purchase the book listed below** (REQUIRED READING) for review. It is the best review book on the market and can be found on Amazon.com for about \$7.00. (It is about \$12 if you buy it at Barnes and Noble) Buy it early and read it often!!

REQUIRED READING: AP US Government and Politics Crash Course, by Larry Krieger.

Read through the book. It contains ALL the core concepts we will be learning about for the year. Make it your friend! The better you know this review book the better you will do daily and overall in the class. You should read the entire review book before school starts.

Vocabulary is the KEY to passing the AP test for this course. You should be very well versed in the vocabulary listed in the review book. Do not think of it as a separate activity. It is the CORE of understanding the more complex concepts for the course and test.

You will have a vocabulary quiz on the first 18 words listed in the crash course book the week of September 5th. Get to know them!

During the summer, you should look up the **Federalist Papers #10**. Read it. You might not understand it in its original form. Google search for Fed #10 in plain English. Read that. It should help you to break down some of the complexities.

Be able to answer the following questions relating to Fed #10:

1. How does Madison (the author) view factions?
2. Based on this, what ways can we diffuse the problems associated with these factions?

If you have particular questions regarding the course, please feel free to email me over the summer. Make sure you put AP GOV in the subject line. My email is mlitz@bcps.org. I will only be checking my email once a week.

I look forward to getting to know you and helping you succeed in AP Government this year. Welcome to Carver!!!!

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