

**Summer Assignment**  
**Honors United States Government**  
**Teacher: Mrs. Fair**

Welcome to Honors U.S. Government! This class will examine the complex workings of the US government and the challenges of U.S. politics today. Your first task for this class will be to study and become familiar with a list of terms and people supplied in the list below. You will be assessed on these terms and people on the first **FULL DAY of the semester** next year (not the introductory day). The quiz will consist of multiple-choice and matching questions on the relevant topics of US history and government. You will need a # 2 pencil for the test. You must bring your notes on this day (this may be a printed document or handwritten notes).

Please identify the key elements for the following terms and people. These are terms which will reappear throughout the course of the semester, but the more preparation you have done before the start of the class, the better. While preparing over the summer you won't need to organize more than a paragraph per topic or person. You just need to keep in mind the following guide: who, what, where, when, why, how. The most important factor will be how/why the term/concept/person is this significant to the study of U.S. government.

Good luck and enjoy your summer. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at:  
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See you next year!

## **Terms/Concepts**

*Divine Right of Kings*

*Mandate of Heaven*

*Social Contract*

*Monarchy/Absolute Monarchy*

*Dictatorship*

*Authoritarian Regime*

*Totalitarianism*

*Tyranny*

*Theocracy*

*Socialism*

*Communism*

*Fascism*

*Nazism*

*Feudalism*

*Democracy*

*Republic*

*Direct Democracy*

*Representative Democracy*

*Parliamentary Democracy*

*Presidential Democracy*

*Constitutionalism*

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*Capitalism/Market Economy/Free  
Enterprise System*

*Traditional Economy*

*Command Economy*

*Federalism*

*Unitary System*

*Confederal System*

*Rule of Law*

*Civic Virtue*

*Limited Government*

*Separation of Powers*

*Checks and Balances*

*Majority Rule*

*Plurality*

*Popular Sovereignty*

*Natural Law*

*Natural Rights*

*Magna Carta*

*English Bill of Rights*

*The Prince*

*Mayflower Compact*

*Colonial Charters*

*Benign Neglect*

*British Parliament (1700's)*

*Intolerable Acts*

*Boston Tea Party*

*First and Second Continental Congresses*

*Declaration of Independence*

*Articles of Confederation*

*Northwest Ordinance*

*Shays' Rebellion*

*Constitutional Convention*

*The US Constitution*

*Virginia Plan*

*New Jersey Plan*

*Connecticut Plan/The Great Compromise*

*Three-fifths Compromise*

*Slave Trade Compromise*

*Ratification*

*Federalists*

*The Federalist Papers*

*Anti-Federalists*

*Enumerated Powers*

*Implied Powers*

*Delegated Powers*

*Reserved Powers*

*Bill of Rights*

*Separation of Church and State/Establishment Clause*

*Due process*

*Habeas corpus*

*Double jeopardy*

*Necessary and Proper/Elastic Clause*

*Full Faith and Credit Clause*

*Supremacy Clause*

*Thirteenth Amendment*

*Fourteenth Amendment*

*Fifteenth Amendment*

*Seventeenth Amendment*

*Eighteenth Amendment/Prohibition*

*Nineteenth Amendment*

*Twenty-fourth Amendment*

*Twenty-sixth Amendment*

*Citizenship*

*Jim Crow Laws*

*"Separate but Equal"*

*Segregation*

*Civil Disobedience*

*Social Capital*

*Civic Engagement*

*Political ideology*

*Liberalism*

*Conservatism*

*Socialism*

*Libertarianism*

*Race*

*Ethnicity*

*Gender Gap*

*Socioeconomic Status*

*Political party*

*Faction*

*Interest Group*

*Primary Election*

*Electoral College*

*Mass media*

*News media*

*Marbury v. Madison – Judicial Review*

*McCulloch v Maryland*

*Plessy v Ferguson*

*Brown v Board of Education of Topeka*

*Roe v Wade*

*US v Nixon*

*Miranda v Arizona*

*President*

*Vice President*

*Commander-in-chief*

*Executive Order*

*Cabinet*

*Privatization*

*Bureaucracy*

*Senate*

*House of Representatives*

*Bill*

*Veto*

*Filibuster*

*Cloture*

*Logrolling*

*Override*

*Confirmation*

*Impeachment*

*District*

*Constituent*

*Supreme Court*

*Civil Law*

*Plaintiff*

*Defendant*

*Misdemeanor*

*Felony*

*Warrant*

*Miranda Rights*

*Jury*

*Jury duty*

*Plea Bargain*

*Burden of Proof*

*Direct Evidence*

*Circumstantial Evidence*

*Exclusionary Rule*

*US Foreign Policy*

*United Nations*

*Globalization*

## **People**

*Thomas Hobbes*

*John Locke*

*Baron de Montesquieu*

*Jean-Jacques Rousseau*

*Niccolò Machiavelli*

*George Washington*

*John Adams*

*Thomas Jefferson*

*James Madison*