

Advanced Placement U.S. Government & Politics

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COURSE READING:

Wilson, James. American Government. 11th edition. Boston, MA, Houghton Mifflin Company

ONLINE here → <https://tldrapgovt.files.wordpress.com/2011/09/american-government-institutions-and-policies.pdf>

***We will use also use OpenStax.org and Khan Academy, Crash Course & Adam Norris!**

Prep Work: Part I

- Familiarize yourself with the US Government sections of Khan Academy and OpenStax.org. They are superior resources!
- Subscribe to Remind for this class – you may text Mrs. Graham through this program if you have questions, or, of course, you may email her!
- Follow Mrs. Graham on Twitter!
- Go to KhanAcademy.org. Find the subjects tab and look for “AP US Government & Politics.” Once there, find Foundations of American democracy. You are to watch “Ideals of democracy”, “Types of democracy”, and “Government power and individual rights”, as well as look through the corresponding material. Each topic has practice questions for you to complete. You are also to complete Quiz 1 and print your quiz summary.
- Go to our online textbook. Read and outline Chapter 2 (The Constitution; pgs 16 - 45).
- Using the Constitution of the United States and other resources, complete the attached worksheets.
- **SUGGESTED but not required at this point: create a set of Amendment flashcards**

Be prepared to hit the ground running:
to start discussing, to turn in work, to assess on the first day of class.



U.S. Constitution Challenge

1. The Constitution was written in this year. _____
2. The Constitution was written in this city. _____
3. The _____ lists the GOALS of the Constitution.
4. Representatives must be at least _____ years old, _____ years a U.S. citizen, and live in the _____ from which they are elected.
5. Representatives serve a _____ year term.
6. Representation in the House of Representatives is based on the _____ of a state.
7. The head of the House of Representatives is the _____.
8. Senators must be at least _____ years old, _____ years a U.S. citizen, and live in the _____ from which they are elected.
9. Senators serve a _____ year term.
10. The head of the Senate is the _____.
11. The Executive Branch _____ laws.
12. Presidents must be at least _____ years old, a _____ U.S. citizen, and have lived in the U.S. _____ years.
13. The President serves a _____ year term, and after the 22nd Amendment, he can serve no more than _____ terms.
14. The Judicial Branch _____ laws.
15. Judges serve for _____ (How long?).
16. Powers given to the Federal Government are called _____ powers.
17. Powers kept for the States are called _____ powers.
18. Amendments are proposed by _____ and approved by _____.
19. Article VI of the Constitution says that the Constitution is the _____ (higher than any law or person).
20. The Constitution was adopted when _____ of the 13 states approved it.

Political Definitions

Term	Definition	Example of politics in the US
Politics		

Term	Definition	Example of a Type of Government	What do governments do?
Government			1 2

Different Forms of Government

Read through the list of different forms of government to answer the questions below. The following is a list of different forms of government, all made different by the prefix and suffix combination. All use one of two suffix': -archy meaning leadership, and -cracy meaning power (eg. democracy - power of people).

***anarchy* government by none**

androcracy government by men

***aristocracy* government by the nobility**

autarchy government by an absolute ruler

***autocracy* government by one individual**

bureaucracy government by civil servants

***democracy* government by the people**

ethnocracy government by an ethnic group or race

***gerontocracy* government by the aged**

gynocracy government by women

***hoplarchy* government by the military**

kleptocracy government by thieves

***meritocracy* government by the meritorious**

mesocracy government by the middle classes

***monarchy* government by one individual**

neocracy government by new or inexperienced rulers

***oligarchy* government by the few**

patriarchy government by men or fathers

***plutocracy* government by the wealthy**

strumpetocracy government by strumpets

***technocracy* government by technical experts**

theocracy government by priests or by religious law

Answer the following questions about the different forms of government.

1. Explain which is the best form of government?
2. Explain which is the worst form of government?
3. Explain which form of government is the most like that of the United States?
4. Is the US more like a democracy or plutocracy?

