

AP Government and Politics Summer Assignment Summer 2015

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AP Government students will meet the following objectives:

- 1) To become familiar with the major political leaders in our democracy
- 2) To identify the key terms in chapter 1 of the textbook
- 3) To combine the two objectives to understand how our system works

Supplies:

- 1) New spiral bound notebook (single subject is ok). No composition books.
- 2) Internet access (the local library has free access)
- 3) The textbook: Government in America (from the CHS library)

Assignments- Due on the first day of class at the bell-

1) Number your notebook from pages 1-15. You will want to use front and back, so a total of eight pages are used. For each topic below, you are to look (google) this person/entity up on the news. You are to read a current news story from May-1st -August 12th of this year. In the space on the page, you are to write no less than a half page summary of *news article*. *Use your own words. If the article is too difficult to understand, find another.* Below each summary, write down date of the article and the news source to which you were directed from google. (CNN, FOX NEWS, etc)

Page 1: President Barack Obama

Page 2: Vice President Joe Biden

Page 3: Speaker of the House John Boehner

Page 4: Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell

Page 5: Our US Congressman Jeff Denham

Page 6: US Senator Dianne Feinstein (of California)

Page 7: US Senator Barbara Boxer (of California)

Page 8: First Lady Michelle Obama

Page 9: House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi

Page 10: Chief Justice (of the US Supreme Court) John Roberts

2) Read chapter one in the textbook titled "Introducing Government in America" on textbook pages 2-26.

Using pages 11-13 in your notebook, summarize the chapter. This will be handwritten or no credit will be given. You may use less pages, but you have three pages with which to work. Let the blue and red subtitles guide you in your summary.

3) Follow the President on Twitter or YOUTUBE (best options), Facebook (second best option) or at the whitehouse.gov (in top news if you are not a social media person.) On pages 14-15 of your notebook, and over the course of the summer, write down 10 things that the White House posts there. You can describe photos, headlines, videos or tweets. Make them a random assortment, but note the date of each. This assignment may take no more than two pages.