Hi everybody,

I’m so excited that you have chosen to take AP Government and Politics next year. We are all a part of this great 200+ year experiment in liberty and it's only right that we use your senior year to take a closer look at our place in it. The following summer assignment will help prepare you for the challenges ahead and catch everybody up to speed so we can hit the ground running when you come back to school in August.

The assignment will consist of three parts and will be due on **Tuesday August 19th**.

Please begin the summer assignment by joining my Google Classroom using the code below:

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Let me know if you are not going to have access to the necessary technology this summer and I’ll print out paper copies of assignments for your convenience. After you have enrolled in the classroom, please follow the steps below to complete the AP Government and Politics Summer Assignment.

**Part 1:**

Part 1 of your AP Government and Politics summer assignment will be to do an online preview of some of our nation’s foundational documents. The course requires that you know nine of these keystone documents in order to demonstrate a solid understanding of our democracy when you take the AP test. For your summer assignment, you will evaluate three by reading the original text and viewing a Khan Academy walkthrough. Links are provided on the template.

**PART 2:**

Part 2 of the AP government summer assignment will involve developing a deeper understanding of the supreme law of the United States of America: The Constitution. While certain aspects of this document were covered in U.S. history, most of you probably haven’t done a deep dive on it since 8th grade. You’ll find this part of the assignment on the Summer Assignment Google Classroom page listed as **U.S. Constitution Review**.

**Extra Credit Opportunity**

I will award extra credit to students who have completed (and submitted to Google Classroom) this portion of the summer assignment by **Friday, July 17th**.

**PART 3:**

Part 3 of your summer assignment involves looking for current events about our government on credible news sites. You’ll be required to find and review specific articles about our government and **will be expected to link them on your submitted Google Doc Template**. You will be tasked with finding five current event articles covering the following governmental topics:
The articles should be **longer than 400 words in length** to be acceptable for the summer assignment. Two of these current events should be completed in June, two in July and one in August.

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**Grading:**

The completed summer assignment will be worth 10% of your grade. Each portion of the assignment will be worth 50 points for a total of 150 points.

Good luck and I look forward to seeing all of you when we come back to school in August!