

Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics **Required Summer Reading/Assignments**

Required Summer Reading

York County students enrolled in Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics for the next school year may be required to read (prior to the beginning of school in September) one selection that has been identified by their individual schools.

Required Summer Assignments

York County students enrolled in Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics for the next school year are required to complete the following two assignments prior to the beginning of school in September:

- 1 Read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States (including the Preamble and the 27 Amendments) and prepare for an objective assessment on this material during the first week of school.
- 2 The teacher will assign ONE of the following:

Read the teacher-selected title and prepare a 3-5 page critical book analysis on the selection. Criteria for writing a critical analysis are attached. Each critical analysis should be word processed/typed (double-spaced; 10 or 12 point font; 1-inch margins).

OR

Read five cover stories relating to United States government (domestic or foreign policies) from *Time*, *Newsweek*, or *U.S. News & World Report*. Prepare a 1-2 page analysis (word processed/typed; 10 or 12 point font; 1-inch margins) on each of the stories which will be discussed during the first week of school.

Evaluation: The objective assessment on the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and the critical book analysis or five news story analyses will be weighted together as one test grade during the first quarter.