



AP Government Summer Assignment

As a part of the AP U.S. Government and Politics course **you are required to read a politically related book or watch a politically related documentary and do a summary and a reflection.**

You will also be required **to read the U.S. Constitution** in full before the first week of class as there will be a quiz on the Constitution the first week of school.

Report Directions: Your summary should be typed and include detailed responses and citations. Your summary should be no longer than 3 pages double spaced and be free of grammatical errors.

1. A SUMMARY:

Summarize the content of the book/documentary in MLA format. Include a bibliography.

2. A REFLECTION based on 5 separate quotes from the book:

After reading you should have 5 statements/quotes you would like to respond to. The reflection should include an interpretation of what the author is saying as well as your personal response. Each reflection should include the exact quote and page number or time stamp before your typed response.

3. A CRITICAL EVALUATION / summary, which should include:

- a) What did the book/documentary teach you about how the "game" of politics is played?
- b) Strengths or weaknesses of the book/documentary?
- c) Was the author balanced, objective or biased?
- d) Would you recommend this book to a peer? Why or why not?
*Make sure you include detailed examples and cite the book (using page numbers or time stamps when necessary) as you respond to the above questions.

The report is **due the first day** of class. You should **bring a printed copy** of the report to class.

If you have questions regarding your report, please do not hesitate to contact me over the summer at bheisler@tkcs.org