

Hello,

Welcome to AP U.S. Government, please read the following carefully, it is designed to get you through the summer work in a short period of time. I have designed this class to be straight forward and safe for all to learn, I look forward to meeting you in the Fall.

The constitutional questions

Now, when you look at these questions, don't get overwhelmed by the number of questions, I don't want long answers for all of them, you can write short answers and that's just fine. I need you to get familiar with the Constitution of the United States that is all. I don't expect you to be experts coming into the class. Just find a good copy of the Constitution online to answer the questions, do not re-write the question, but do number them so I know which one you answered. And you are good.

Here is a good website with the Constitution on it: <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution>

Next, the question of whether to hand write or type this out? I leave this up to you; I would ask if you type it though, you don't copy and paste all the questions, it doesn't show you actually tried to learn the information, just paste it. Try to be somewhat original if you can, so I know you have a rudimentary knowledge of the Constitution, when you are done. There is extra credit to the first semester final if you do hand write it, though. (Talk more about that at the end.)

The Court Cases

With the court cases, you will have six questions to answer with each one. Put down the court case and number your six answers under each court case, once again you do not need to re write the question. With these ones I would rather you hand write them (But you won't be penalized for typing, no copy paste here if you can), mainly because most of you will be learning the majority of them for the first time. Short answers here are okay as well; just remember the court cases are a big part of the overall class. And I don't expect you to be experts on these either when you come to class.

You will notice there are fifteen of them, compared to the past when they had thirty plus, this really isn't a lot and remember, short answers are fine. Once again, if hand write it there will be extra credit. **(Some people have found it easier to get a small spiral notebook to keep the work in if you hand write it)**

Here are some good websites for the court cases: www.oyez.com, www.law.cornell.edu, www.supremecourtus.gov (you will need to copy and paste them to the web browser)

Extra Credit

1. If you turn the summer work in on the first day back to class, fully done, you will get 30 extra credit points, toward the first semester final.

2. If you type the Constitution questions and hand write the court cases, you get 5 extra credit points to the exam.
3. If you hand write the whole thing, **first thing...you are awesome for getting it done!**, you get 10 extra credit points to the exam.
4. For a max of 40 Extra credit points.

Finally and Importantly

Welcome to my class, my e-mail address is; jbaker-ortiz@avhsd.org . Feel free to contact me at any time with questions; I do check my e-mail over the summer and of course until the end of this semester. I try to keep my class a stress free environment, if you need help on this, contact me.

You will be giving me a hard copy of this when you are done. Make sure you print it out when you finish, for my people typing, especially. Take care all, contact me if you need me.