## Welcome to Advanced Placement United States Government.

I look forward to getting to know all of you better and having a successful year in AP Government. This class will be challenging, but filled with information relevant to your lives RIGHT NOW and forever. One of the major goals of the class will be to prepare you for the upcoming AP Government exam in May 2018. The summer assignment is divided into two parts. Part 1 will cover the U.S. Constitution and part 2 will focus on landmark Supreme Court cases.

Please be prepared to turn in the complete summer assignments and take a test on the material the first week we are back in school. If you have questions, please be sure to email me ASAP so you are not stuck doing the entire assignment in a short amount of time. In your email, please use in the subject line APUSH Summer Assignment, in the body include the specific assignment and briefly explain your question.

Have a GREAT Summer!

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## **PART 1- The United States Constitution**

It is essential to this course that you understand the foundation of our system of government – the U.S. Constitution. Directions: Your assignment is to read the U.S. Constitution and complete the charts and questions. All assignments must be written in black ink; <u>NO TYPED</u> <u>COPIES</u> will be accepted. As a result of the small size of the charts, you can recreate the charts and complete the assignment in writing on another sheet. The below links provide a copy of the U.S. Constitution and the assignment.

U.S. CONSTITUTION COPY: https://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/constitution.pdf

U.S. CONSTITUTION ASSIGNMENT (you must use your Fayette County email address to access the assignment link): <u>https://drive.google.com/a/mail.fcboe.org/file/d/0B2r\_9Z-</u> <u>kl42IT0RsM0tsdlFvU1k/view?usp=sharing</u>

## **PART 2- Landmark Supreme Court Cases**

Directions: In this assignment, you will analysis and explain landmark Supreme Court cases that we will study in AP Government. The purpose of the assignment is to make you familiar with the most frequently cited cases in the nation. Use the links below to access the assignment and suggested websites to research the cases. All assignments must be written in black ink; <u>NO</u> <u>TYPED COPIES</u> will be accepted.

**Supreme Court Cases Websites** (these are preferred websites to use in your research; if you use other sites you must cite work):

http://landmarkcases.org/en/landmark/home

https://www.oyez.org/

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\_education/initiatives\_awards/constitut ion\_day/landmark\_classes.html

Landmark Supreme Court Cases Assignment Link: https://drive.google.com/a/mail.fcboe.org/file/d/0B2r\_9Zkl42IU0puTHN3SVlaVkU/view?usp=sharing