

Summer Reading Assignment for AP U.S. Government

Students,

What follows is your summer reading assignment. While short in length, I cannot overstate its importance in the upcoming course. Everything that we learn will be predicated on an understanding of these documents. Your assignment is:

Read: ***The Constitution of the United States of America***

Read: ***The Bill of Rights*** (Also referred to as the first 10 amendments to the constitution)

At the bottom of this page is a link which will take you to a free .pdf copy of the documents.

At the beginning of the Fall Semester, we will take a quiz on both documents, followed by a harkness discussion of their meaning. You MUST arrive prepared with an understanding of both documents. To guide you in this understanding, please bear the following questions in mind as you read the documents:

1. What are the key ideas which guided the framers of the constitution as they worked to create these documents (Biblical, Enlightenment, scientific, etc.)?
2. What are the tangible components of the Government which The Constitution and The Bill of Rights establish?
3. Why would so much emphasis be placed upon these documents from 1788 to the modern day?
4. What is the purpose of a constitution? A bill of rights?

Constitution & Bill of Rights link: <https://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/constitution.pdf>