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AP United States Government Summer Assignment

In order to prepare for the AP U. S. Government class, you will be required to complete the following summer assignment.

1. **EMAIL ME** – Please send me the following information that I can use to reach you during the summer, if necessary.
 - a. A brief introduction
 - b. An email address that you will be checking on a regular basis
2. **CURRENT EVENTS** – You must collect 4 news articles and 2 editorials/opinion pieces pertaining to politics in the United States. Make sure each article & editorial that you select deals with political news and are from varied sources. Do not use a particular news outlet for more than one of the three submissions.
 - a. For each of the 4 articles, provide a link to the article and a one-page response.
 - 1) Half of the response should be dedicated to summarizing the article.
 - 2) Half of the response should be dedicated to your opinion of the subject.
 - b. For each of the 2 editorials, provide a link to the editorial and a 1-2-page response.
 - 1) In a half-page, summarize the main point of the piece and the editor's opinion.
 - 2) In 1 to 1½ pages, write a concise letter to the editor responding to the editorial.

**Due via email
by July 20**

(Include with first
assignment)

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Site Suggestions:

<http://www.nytimes.com/>

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com>

<http://www.politico.com>

<http://www.foxnews.com>

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/>

<http://online.wsj.com/home-page#> (Wall Street Journal)

When submitting assignments, be sure to identify yourself and the title of the assignment in the subject heading. In addition, be sure to add your name and the name of the assignment to the top of each attachment. (When I print them, I need to know who you are.) Follow these guidelines for all assignments: Use Times New Roman 12-point font, double space your text, and if possible, save your file as a word document. Please include all three submissions in a single word document. (Do not attach three separate word documents or simply include your response in the text of the email.)

If you have any questions, you can contact me at mmajka@krhs.net. It may take a few days for me to reply, so do not wait until the last minute to ask questions.

As per the Student Handbook, "To remain a member of the class in good standing, all course requirements must be met diligently and in an exemplary manner, which includes satisfactory and timely completion of summer assignments."

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER, AND SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER.

Matt Majka
Social Studies Teacher

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