

## AP US Government – Summer Assignment

Our assignment will be a "hot topic" packet of current events that will be created by the students. Throughout the year, we will be learning about the government, politics, and economic situations in the United States. This summer, you need to build a knowledge base of "What is going on in America?". Throughout the summer, collect at least 10 current event articles about US GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, or ECONOMICS.

The students will be asked to read the articles they gather and provide a written reaction (see below for details) to 7 of the 10, as well as prepare for in-class discussions during the first few days of class. Student reactions will be turned in digitally on Google Classroom.

Students should use a variety of sources to find their articles. No more than two articles per source! Remember - news articles only. No editorials, opinion columns, etc.

### Guidelines:

Articles must be published no earlier than June 12, 2020. For 7 of your 10 articles, write a summary and reaction to the content using the format listed below:

1. The TITLE of the article
2. The WEBSITE/PUBLICATION where you located it
3. The DATE it was published
4. A short SUMMARY of the article and the IMPACT the information or event may have on the country's government, politics, or economy, or on the international community, including your thoughts and opinions (**200 word minimum**)
6. Each Reflection should be typed: single or 1.15 spaced, 12-point font, Times New Roman or equivalent with 1-inch margins.

This assignment is NOT collaborative.

Use the following websites to gather the articles:

- <http://www.cnn.com/>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/>
- <http://www.economist.com/>
- <http://www.reuters.com/news/>
- <http://www.voanews.com/>
- <http://www.csmonitor.com/>
- <https://www.washingtonpost.com/>
- <http://time.com/>
- <http://www.newsweek.com/>
- <https://www.wsj.com/>
- <http://www.usatoday.com>
- <http://www.theatlantic.com>
- <http://www.bloomberg.com>

