**AP U.S. Government and Politics**

**Summer Assignment 2019**

***Political Current Events***

**The Political Current Events assignment below is due on the first day of class (Friday, September 6, 2019).**If you have questions about the assignment, feel free to email me at **jennifer\_frey@psbma.org.**

**Part I:**

Pick **one** of the following topics and follow THAT TOPIC in **credible** news sources over the summer.  You must find **10** relevant news articles. The idea is that you will become relatively knowledgeable about the topic area chosen. For each article you need to make a proper **Chicago Manual of Style** citation (this is more than just the author and title; look it up online if you don’t know how to do this style of citation!), include a URL link to the article, followed by a **summary paragraph** of each article (do not use personal pronouns for this part).  Ideally you will find an article each week or so. Please don’t use only articles from the week before school starts or articles older than June of 2019!

**Topics to research:**

Immigration

U.S. and China

U.S. and Mexico

U.S. and Latin American

U.S. and Middle East

Environmental Policy

Media and Technology Policy

Terrorism

Gerrymandering/Redistricting

Interplay of foreign or domestic policy and politics

Local Politics (Brookline/Boston **OR** state)

**Or another topic that needs to be approved**

**Part II:**

Once you have found all 10 articles ***and*** summarized each of them, you will then write **a one-page** report explaining what has happened over the summer concerning your topic (please don’t use personal pronouns for this part). You will then write a **second page** explaining your opinion on the topic. Everything should be double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 pt font with 1"margins.

**Submit:**

The Chicago Manual of Style citation, URL and summary of *each* of the 10 articles from Part I as well as the two pages from Part II need to be printed out and turned in on the first day of class **(Friday, September 6, 2019).**Obviously, don’t forget to put your name on all documents and put them together in some way (staple, clip, folder, etc).

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***Exploring the Constitution***

**Part I.  Constitution Outline**

As you read the Constitution (you can find it online) please answer the following questions **IN YOUR OWN WORDS.** This assignment MUST be handwritten!

A. List the three branches of government and the Articles of the Constitution which describe them:

1. Article:

 2. Article:

 3. Article:

1. Looking at Article I, section 8, name at least 7 powers granted to Congress.

 What is the LAST power granted in this section?

1. Name the powers of the President.

D. Name one power of the Judiciary.

E. Give 3 examples of one branch checking (limiting the power of) another branch:

1.

 2.

 3.

1. Describe the qualifications necessary to become President, Senator, and Member of the House of Representatives. Who elects each and how long do they serve?

Representative:

Senator:

President:

Supreme Court Justices:

1. Summarize Article IV of the Constitution:

1. Article V of the Constitution describes the amendment process. Create a **chart** showing the process. [Hint: there are two ways to propose an amendment and two ways to ratify an amendment.]

1. Summarize Article VI of the Constitution.

J.   Describe the process of ratifying the Constitution, as stated in Article VII.

 Why do you think it was special conventions in the states and NOT the state

legislatures that needed to ratify the Constitution?

K. Outline the general provisions of all 27 Amendments to the Constitution:

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| Amendment 1 |  |
| Amendment 2 |  |
| Amendment 3 |  |
| Amendment 4 |  |
| Amendment 5 |  |
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