



Jupiter Christian School
Excelling – Nurturing – Engaging

AP U.S. Government and Politics: Summer Reading Assignment 2020-2021

Required Reading:

- AP Government’s Nine Required Foundational Documents:
 1. The Declaration of Independence
 2. The Articles of Confederation
 3. The Constitution
 4. Federalists #10
 5. Federalists #51
 6. Federalists #70
 7. Federalists #78
 8. Brutus #1
 9. A Letter from a Birmingham Jail

You will need to read these documents at least once before the semester begins. These are all found online (Khan Academy has all nine in one location with context and a video lesson here: <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/us-government-and-civics/us-gov-primary-documents>). You will be expected to be familiar with each text in this college level course as we will be using these documents substantially throughout the course.

Required Reading:

- *The Bill of Rights: A User’s Guide* by Linda R. Monk
 - Note: this book has a liberal bias with a leaning towards Judicial Activism. In this course it is vital to recognize where authors and individuals are coming from because everyone will have a bias and learn towards a particular agenda. The book is easy to read and understand, it covers a substantial number of key concepts required in this course, and it shows you the practical application of your constitutional rights.

Although there is no written component to this summer assignment, it is expected that you fully read the required reading and have a base understanding of the above content. For you to succeed in this course you will need to complete the above assignments before the course begins.