

AP AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

The summer text that will be used for the AP American Government Summer Assignment is: “21 Debated Issues in American Politics” 2nd Editionⁱ. The assignment is due the 1st Monday of the fall Semester, and consists of two parts.

Part I: Each student will provide a 200-300 word commentary on the standing and importance of each of the 21 issues in contemporary American society. Feel free to access and quote other documents, speeches, and Primary Sources connected to the issues. Make sure you cite any and all reviews or quotes you use.

Part II: Each student will provide an analysis on the two opinions given for each of the 21 issues. For each issue break down each selected arguments strengths and weaknesses, while indicating the overall credibility and impact of that particular argument. Be up to date in your analysis. Any recent world events may have an impact on the analysis of each essay.

The desired format for this assignment is as follows: Each commentary and analysis is a separate entity, so do not include them as a single document. Make sure each is separate from the others when you turn the assignment in. Each student will use a small notebook to contain the assignment. While not part of MLA format, I ask that the entire assignment be hole punched and placed into the notebook. Please do not staple the papers, use paper clips, and place some sort of divider between the two parts of the assignment.

ⁱ You must get the 2nd edition, as the 1st edition was published pre-9/11. The book is available new or used on services such as Amazon.com. It is also available for order from stores such as Barnes and Noble or Joseph Beth Booksellers.