



***Cape May Technical High School Summer Assignment 2024-2025 Directions***

Course	AP U.S. Government & Politics	Teacher	Steve Campbell
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Topic	Foundational Documents: U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Brutus 1, and Federalist 10		
Purpose	For the AP U.S. Government & Politics course, students must read, analyze, and interpret nine Foundational Documents. These documents “are necessary for students to understand the philosophical underpinnings and political values of the U.S. political system and may serve as the focus of AP Exam questions. Source analysis of these documents helps students gain an understanding of how philosophical discussions and debates shaped the architecture of the government” (AP U.S. Government and Politics Course and Exam Description).		
Brief Description & Directions	<p>You will complete <u>two</u> summer assignments:</p> <p><b><u>Part 1: Constitutional Analysis</u></b>- You will analyze the U.S. Constitution’s Preamble, 7 Articles, and 27 Amendments. You will also critically think as to how these are applicable in American society today. If there is a word you do not know, don’t merely skip over it. Use context clues or an online dictionary to further your understanding.</p> <p><b><u>Part 2: Founding Documents Analysis and Comparison</u></b>- You will read, analyze, and interpret just three of the course’s Foundational Documents: The Declaration of Independence, Brutus 1, and Federalist 10. While reading each document, you will identify three big ideas from each document. You will also include supporting evidence through direct quotes to support your identified big ideas, explain the quote in your own words, and identify its application in American society today. Once complete you will compare the authors’ ideas and rationales on government.</p>		
How it will be graded	The two assignments will each be worth 100 points and be graded using the included <a href="#">rubric</a> .		
Assignment Links/Resources	<p>Google Classroom Code: <b>m67ytgkn</b></p> <p><a href="#">AP U.S. Government &amp; Politics Summer Assignment Directions</a></p> <p><a href="#">Part 1: Constitutional Analysis</a></p> <p><a href="#">Part 2: Founding Documents Analysis and Comparison</a></p>		

