



AP U.S. Government and Politics

Summer Assignment, 2017-2018

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Textbook: Government By The People, Magleby, Light, & Nemacheck, 2014 Elections and Updates Edition

You have two summer assignments for AP Government.

**Assignment #1: Federalist Papers:**

Although this is a Spring 2018 class, this written assignment is due on the first day of school, August 23, 2017. Late work will receive a score of zero. Print this packet. All of your answers are to be handwritten.

What were the Federalist Papers? Read Federalist Paper #10 and Federalist Paper #51. Both documents can be found at: <http://www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers>.

Complete the reading guide below for both Federalist Papers.

Your responses to the reading guide are to be handwritten (Typed work will not be accepted).

**Federalist 10 and 51 Reading Guide Questions:**

Read Federalist 10 and 51 and answer the following questions. Use complete sentences and **handwrite** the answer to include the question (do not rewrite the question then follow with the answer. I should be able to glean the question from your answer). Use direct quotes to support your response. The questions are in order of their answer within the reading. The documents can be found online at: <http://www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers>

**Federalist 10:**

1. Summarize how Madison feels about “factions”.
2. Define faction.
3. If Madison were alive today, what factions would he see?
4. What are two methods of curing the mischief of factions? Would this be possible today?
5. What are two methods of removing the causes? Would this be possible today?
6. How does Madison feel about the first remedy? Why?
7. How does Madison feel about the second remedy? Why?

8. What does Madison say about the causes of factions? Is this true today?
9. What does Madison say is source of factions? Is this true today?
10. How should these interests be regulated?
11. What will factions do to the good of the whole society?
12. How does Madison say that factions can be controlled?
13. What will happen when the faction is a minority?
4. What will happen if the faction is a majority?
15. What are the two possibilities of solutions?
16. Is there a cure in a pure democracy for the mischief of faction?
17. What promises the cure?
18. How does Republic compare to a democracy? Which is best? Why?
19. Why do extensive republics provide the best safeguard against factions?
20. What is the “happy combination” that will cure the problem?
21. Why will extended republics be able to do better?
22. Why will large republics have an advantage over small ones?
23. How will Federalism stop the growth of tyranny?

**Federalist 51:**

1. What questions does Madison ask?
2. What does separation of power require?
3. What does Madison say about the judiciary?
4. What does Madison say about the members of each department?
5. What is the great security against one department growing too powerful?
6. Why is it necessary for ambition to contradict ambition?
7. Who will dominate a republican government?
8. What is the remedy for this? Would an absolute veto remedy this?
9. What are two considerations for the federal system of America?
10. How does Madison repeat and complete the argument in Federalist 10?

**Assignment #2 - Chapters 1-3**

For the second assignment, you will read chapters 1-3 of your textbook. Be sure to create vocabulary flashcards and study guides for each of these chapters, too. There will be a summative covering these three chapters during the first week of class in January.