

A.P. United States Government and Politics Application

American Christian Academy

Course Overview:

AP United States Government and Politics introduces students to key political ideas, institutions, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the political culture of the United States. The course examines politically significant concepts and themes, through which students learn to apply disciplinary reasoning, evaluate causes and consequences of political events, and interpret data to develop evidence-based arguments.

Course Goals:

Students successfully completing this course will:

- Describe and compare important facts, concepts, and theories pertaining to U.S. government and politics.
- Explain typical patterns of political processes and behavior and their consequences (including the components of political behavior, the principles used to explain or justify various government structures and procedures, and the political effects of these structures).
- Interpret basic data relevant to U.S. government and politics (including data presented in charts, tables, and other formats).
- Critically analyze relevant theories and concepts, apply them appropriately, and develop their connections across the curriculum.

Requirements:

Students will be required to:

- Complete summer assignments prior to the start of class.
- Answers weekly essay questions.
- Read the textbook daily.
- Complete additional reading and writing assignments throughout the year.

Exam Format:

The AP United States Government and Politics Exam is divided into two sections:

- **Section I:** Multiple Choice | 60 Questions | 45 Minutes | 50% of Exam Score
- **Section II:** Free Response | 4 Questions | 100 Minutes | 50% of Exam Score

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Student Questions:

1. Please explain why you wish to enroll in this class, and what you, personally, can contribute to the class.

2. Do you watch or follow the news? If so, approximately how often? What issues do you find most interesting?

3. Have you read any books of a political nature? If so, what (title and author)? How long ago was it?

Student Name:

Date: _____

Student Signature:

Student E-mail:

Parent Signature:

Return to Coach Safford by April 28th.