

AP US Government requires different thinking and writing skills than used in US History classes. Success in the course depends on your ability to think and write from a political, rather than historical perspective. This assignment is designed to introduce several of the major concepts regarding political philosophy and government structure which we will address during the first semester.

I. Forms of Government

- a. For EACH of the forms of government below, answer the following questions. Make sure you fully describe/explain/illustrate each section

Authoritarian Governments

- Totalitarian Dictatorship
- Oligarchy
- Absolute Monarchy

Democratic Governments

- Direct Democracy
- Representative Democracy
- Republic
- Constitutional Monarchy

- I. Who holds power in government? How do they get power?
- II. How is the government's power limited?
- III. Are the views of the people represented?
- IV. Are rights guaranteed and protected? If so, how?
- V. Advantages and disadvantages
- VI. 1 real world example (does not need to be current)

II. Principles of US Government

- a. For EACH of the principles of US government, you must answer the following questions. Make sure you fully describe/explain/illustrate each section

- Limited Government
- Popular Sovereignty
- Checks & Balances
- Federalism
- Separation of Powers
- Civic Responsibility

- i. Describe/define it in depth and with detail
- ii. Explain how we see them in OUR government
- iii. 2 real world, specific examples

This assignment can be typed or handwritten. It will be due/collected on the first day of your AP Government class, so please be prepared with it on the first day of school. We are really looking forward to working with you in the fall. Please do not hesitate to ask questions or voice concerns.

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